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Scandia, Oct. 26, 1901.

NORSEMAN'S SINGING SOCIETY

The Norsemen's Singing Society gave its annual concert last night at Wicker Park Hall. Christian Nilson was the director.

Program

1. Overture from "Fra Diavolo".Auber
2. a) "Skaal". Reissiger
b) "The Saeter Girl's Sunday". Grieg
Charles Hansen, Tenor
3. "Fantasie Militaire". Leonard
Estella Merica, Violinist
4. "Nymphs and Fauns". Bemberg
Harriet Smulski, Soprano
5. a) "Wedding March". Soderman
b) "Olaf Trygvason". Reissiger
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6. "Archeater" (Nordic Dances). Grieg
7. a) "Polka". Boye
b) "Tyroline" ("Guillaume Tell"). Rossini
Charles Hansen, Tenor
8. Selection from "Queen of Sheba". Gounod
Harriet Smulski, Soprano
9. "Gypsy Song". Sarasote
Estella Marcia, Violinist
10. a) "Our Country". Christian Nilson
b) "The Pirates' Chorus". Verdi
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THE MINNEHAHA TEMPERANCE CLUB

Last Saturday the Minnehaha Temperance Club gave a concert that was outstanding in every sense of the word. This Club is one of the largest and most active temperance societies in Chicago today. The program was as follows:

Part I

1. Selection from "Martha". Flotow
Orchestra
2. a) "Absent". Metcalf
b) "Du Bist Mein Alles".. . . . Bradsley
Bruno Hess, Baritone
3. "Remembrance of Norway". M. Pedersen
Orchestra, M. Pedersen, Director
4. a) "Sangerhilsen". Grieg
b) "Father Berg". Bellman
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John Swenson, Director

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5. a) "Slave Song". Teresa Del Riego
b) "An Irish Love Song". Lang
Elenora Olson

Part II

6. "Potpourri" (Norwegian Folk Melodies). Alfred Paulsen
Orchestra
7. Air from "Tannhauser". Wagner
Bruno Hess, Baritone
8. a) "Gypsy Song". Pablo de Sarasote
George Bass, Violinist
b) "Kerry Dance". Molly
Elenora Olson
9. "Twilight". E. Nevin
Elenora Olson
10. a) "We Sail". Abt.
b) "In a Peasant's Parlor". Soderman
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SKANDINAVIAN CONCERTS IN HUMBOLDT PARK

The Norsemen's Singing Society give a concert every Sunday in Humboldt Park. The program is always of the best. Such composers as Grieg, Reissiger, Mucke, and Lindblad are represented.

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THE SCANDIA CONCERT

The Scandia Concert was a decided success. The program was an unusual one.

Scandinavians seem to be not only music lovers but also good critics. They are, one and all, classically inclined when it comes to music or literature.

The program was as follows:

1. "Military Maid". Covey
2. "Welcome"--Overture. Catlin
3. "Lily of the Nile"--Waltz. Berliner
4. "Im Tiefen Keller"--Trombone Solo

A. F. Wenzel

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5. "Unter Den Linden"--Piece de Salon.Eilenberg

Intermission

6. "United States Military March".Math Pedersen
7. "Carnival of Venice".Hartman
8. "A Hunting Scene".Bucalossi
9. "La Paloma"--Serenade.Balfour
10. "A Lady of Quality.Stone

Intermission

11. "Legende"--Violin Solo.Bohn
Charles S. Bjornson
12. Selection from the Opera "Serenade".Herbert
13. "Fight for Honor".Bougher
14. Medley Overture, "The Prettiest of All".Catlin

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OLE BULL FESTIVAL

Bjorgvin Singing Society celebrated its annual Ole Bull festival last Tuesday evening. Julius Jaeger presided as toastmaster. The Society sent a telegram to Mrs. Ole Bull, who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Later in the evening, Mr. J. G. Thorp, Mrs. Bull's brother, received an answer.

Mr. L. H. Steensohn spoke for the Society. The president, Peder Halvorsen, spoke for Ole Bull. Julius Jaeger, reminded the audience of Bull's outstanding international prestige as a musician and as a good Norseman.

New officers were elected on the Aid and Relief committee: Mrs. Andrew Nielsen, Mrs. John de Fine, Mrs. Kristian Olsen, and Mrs. M. Knudsen. [Translator's note: Ole Bull was born in Bergen, Norway. The Bjorgvin Singing Society is composed of members who were also born in Bergen. This Society always celebrates the Bull festival.]



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THE NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB

Glee Club Singers Hold Successful Banquet

The Norwegian Glee Club held a banquet at its hall on Wabansia and Washtenaw Avenues last Saturday evening. The festivities began with card playing; later the guests gathered at the banquet table where the president, Mr. Axel E. Jensen, delivered an address of welcome.

Senator Niels Juul (Dane) gave the oration in honor of the day, reminding the Glee Club members of the proposed trip to Norway in 1902 which the Club had set up as its goal for the time being. The speaker was confident of the ability of the members to raise the required amount for the trip. He also urged the members to permit no divergence in their endeavors in the field of singing. When arriving in Norway, he said, the singers should be able to give full evidence of the fact that the Norwegians in America have not forgotten the songs of the homeland even though they have been absent from Norway for many years. He then presented the Club with a collection of photographs from Europe and America,



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which will be raffled off; the proceeds will be added to the fund for the trip to Norway.

The Glee Club will hold a Christmas social during the last week of December; a masked ball at Aurora Hall on February 9; a bazaar at Scandia Hall in March; a festival in honor of Norway on May 17; an excursion to Milwaukee in July 1901. The income from these affairs is earmarked for the trip to Norway in 1902.



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NORWEGIAN SINGING SOCIETY
Concert Last Sunday Very Successful

The annual concert of the Norwegian Singing Society held last Sunday evening at Wicker Park Hall, was most successful in every way. All day Sunday the rain poured down, and it was almost impossible to pass at street crossings without getting wet feet. In spite of this, more than one thousand people assembled to enjoy the concert.

Professor J. L. Colberg's orchestra opened the program with an overture by Verdi, and this number, as well as "Variations on Norwegian Folk Melodies," arranged by Mr. Colberg, received much applause.

Violinist Nels Halter played the "Fifth Concerto" by De Beriot and the "Zigeunerweisen" by Sarasate, accompanied at the piano by Miss Christine Anderson.

Mr. Nels Halter has appeared before the public a number of times, invariably showing that he is capable of handling his instrument, and on this occasion

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he once more proved his ability as a violinist....He was strongly applauded.... A pupil of Mme. De Marion, Miss Pearl Burmeister, appeared for the first time in this Scandinavian neighborhood. She sang, "Dream of Love" by Grieg, and "Forbidden Music" by Gastaldon. She was accompanied at the piano by Mme. De Marion. Miss Burmeister took the public by storm; she has a high, clear, pleasing soprano voice and was repeatedly called before the curtain by the enthusiastic audience. She was also presented with two bouquets of roses.

The Norwegian Singing Society sang excellently....and received vigorous applause after each number.

Mr. C. L. Hansen, the well-known first tenor of the Society....was enthusiastically applauded.

It was evident that the Norwegian Singing Society had not been indolent under their new leader; all the numbers presented were executed in a masterly manner.



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The director, Mr. Christian Nilsson, showed that his method of leadership differed somewhat from that of the other song leaders in that he puts greater emotional force in the transition from pianissimo to fortissimo; this proved an advantage in the numbers presented. After his own composition had been played he was given an ovation.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF NORWEGIAN SINGING SOCIETY

When Professor Colberg resigned from his position as director of the Norwegian Singing Society--after twenty-five years of service--Mr. Christian Nilsson was chosen his successor. Mr. Nilsson's career in the Society can be properly evaluated only by the future. The close co-operation between him and the singers evidenced at the rehearsals promises much, and today the Society will give the public a taste of what may be expected at the concert at Wicker Park Hall.

One thing is certain: The Norwegian Singing Society, though old in years, is still young in spirit and full of vitality. Throughout its existence the Society has been working to further Norwegian customs, Norwegian singing, and Norwegian music. The Norwegians of Chicago might show their appreciation of this work by gathering in full numbers at the Society's concert, thereby making it clear that the Singing Society is still dear to the hearts of the Norwegians in Chicago.



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The History of the Society Since 1875

In an earlier number of the Skandinaven an outline of the history of the Norwegian Singing Society since 1875 was presented; it was a record of those early days of struggle until the time came when the Society had gained a firmer foothold. In the present article will be presented an outline of the most important events in the history of this well-known Society from 1875 up to the present.

The Society had met a number of obstacles but had also experienced much encouragement during its first four years. Nor did its work during the following years shame the good beginning it had made. It was about this time that the first serious attempts were made at a closer connection between the various Scandinavian societies. A so-called Convention was formed; statutes were adopted; a banquet was held to complete the unification, and a masked ball



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III H and a picnic were given. This however, culminated the attempts; previous efforts at Scandinavian organization seemed to lack the necessary vitality from the start and such organizations did not last long as a rule.

As to the Norwegian Singing Society, it went on with its every-day tasks for a while, without meeting with any exceptional occurrences. There were dances, concerts, and assistance at concerts. In regard to the matter of assistance, the Norwegian Singing Society has always been generous. Thus we find that in one year the Society assisted on no less than thirty occasions. The Society loved singing and loved to be heard in those early days. The Society performed at weddings, funerals, and on the occasion of a member's departure for other places. The heart and the hand of a singer is open to those in sorrow and in need. Often the assistance extended was not merely by way of singing but also in a more substantial manner.

In the meanwhile the Society grew and grew; in 1875 the membership had reached



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III H seventy-five. Several of its public affairs resulted in greater or smaller net income. Thus, a bazaar in November 1875, brought a net income of about four hundred dollars. On the other hand, the Society needed money not only for current expenses but for many other things in addition, sometimes things which one would hardly expect to pay for. At that time as now, there was a scarcity of first tenors, and it was necessary to tie those who were available, to the Society by bonds more substantial than just their interest in singing and in music.

In 1878 the Society felt strong enough financially to discontinue the membership fee for active singers, and that rule has been in force since then until the present time.

There is one thing one cannot help but notice in those early days--the parade. Off and on processions have, of course, occurred even up to the present days, but in the early period, a procession was considered a necessary appendix to



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III H every picnic, and the members of the Norwegian Singing Society were the ones who on all occasions had to don the procession-trousers. Thus, in the year 1878, the Singers marched in procession on four occasions during the one month of June.

In the same year the Society held a great picnic in the Chicago Avenue Park. Of course there was a great procession, and best of all, there was a surplus of more than three hundred dollars. During this year the Society moved to Ericson's Hall which hitherto had housed Det Norske Selskab (The Norwegian Society). The latter Society had of late begun to suffer from old age weakness. The Norwegian Singing Society took over the furniture of the Norwegian Society and added a piano to the furnishings of the place. . . .

In 1881 the singers ventured into the center of the city and gave a concert at the Central Music Hall. The venture succeeded in every respect. At the Palmer House they serenaded the Norwegian author and poet Bjornstjerne Bjornson.



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III H With his usual bluntness the poet criticised the singers' interpretation of his songs.

In the meanwhile the Scandinavian Convention had dissolved and at present there was only the Scandinavian Labor Union besides the Singing Society which made serious attempts at livening the "dead bones" of the Norwegian group. The attempts were not always successful.

In the memorial procession for President Garfield, the Singing Society participated, sixty-five men strong. The following year the Society gave a concert at the North Side Turner Hall for the benefit of the sufferers in Finmarken, Norway, and had the satisfaction of taking in \$375 net. This money together with \$25 from the treasury of the Singing Society was sent to the needy in North Norway.

Six Scandinavian societies arranged for a big union picnic. The affair was a



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III H great success, and the net income was very considerable. This added new life to the Scandinavian Convention.

In 1883 the Norwegian Singing Society held a most successful bazaar from which a net income of \$950 was realized. This added greatly to the courage of the Singers. There had long been talk, off and on, of building a hall for the Society. The large income from the bazaar gave new significance to the talk.

There was, however, another matter which had taken hold of many of the singers; a great song festival was to be held in Trondhjem, Norway, and the singers would have been happy to have been able to visit the festival city on the occasion. Both these plans, however, evaporated. The Scandinavian Convention had also been thinking of building its own hall but the matter was dropped. The Norwegian Singing Society held a pleasant picnic that year at Willow Springs.

The Society was steadily growing, and it became necessary to hold two business



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III H meetings each month and to employ a special financial secretary.

The work had become too heavy for the treasurer. The amount in the treasury, in 1884, amounted to \$1,600. In 1886 the amount had grown to \$2,500. Every year the library of the Society had been increased; every year the sick-aid fund was made larger. The sick-aid fund was then and is yet a separate institution having its own statutes, officers, and treasury. It has also had, from time to time, its own money-producing affairs solely for the benefit of its treasury.

Having given several concerts in Humboldt Park, the Norwegians' Singing Society, together with the Nora Lodge, held a Seventeenth of May festival in 1884. Then, in 1885, the Singing Society held a summer excursion to Madison, Wisconsin, where the Society gave a well-attended concert on July 4. Not only did the singers enjoy this tour, but they also brought home with them considerable money for the treasury of the Society.

During this time the Bjorgvin Singing Society had been organized, and in 1885



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III H was giving its first concert. The Norwegian Singing Society assisted both at the concert and at a banquet held by the two singing societies a few days after the concert. Another concert was given that year at the North Side Turner Hall for the benefit of "needy Norwegians in Chicago". The concert netted about two hundred dollars.

At this time a number of years had elapsed since the Society had obtained its first banner, and as the years passed this banner had been exposed to many kinds of hard wear. The ladies of the Society complained that the banner looked dilapidated; they did not think much, then, of the fact that the banner in question was the first in the history of the Society, nor of the fact that the same banner had led the way on many a glorious occasion. What they did realize was that the banner was getting old, and like other old things needed to be replaced by something new and fresh. Consequently the Society got a bright new banner. In order to more fully satisfy the ladies, the Society voted itself two silk flags. Now, admitted the ladies, the Society could appear with



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III H deserved dignity at the Seventeenth of May celebration in 1886. In addition, with the new banner and flags, the Society could appropriately represent Chicago during its summer excursion to Minneapolis, Minnesota. On the occasion of this excursion the Society paid the members' expenses connected with the trip and the stay in Minneapolis. With banners aloft and music in the air the members marched to the depot, and with open arms were received in Minneapolis, where they gave a concert on July 17. Two days later they gave a concert in St. Paul. They were quite pleased to return safely to their dear ones in Chicago.

The last two years had been favorable to the Norwegian Singing Society, both in financial standing and, especially, in regard to renown. In Chicago matters had come to such a pass that a man was hardly considered a good Norwegian unless he was a member of the Norwegian Singing Society. There was a steady influx of new members; at some meetings as many as fifteen to twenty new members joined the Society. Not all of these were good, reliable ones, and time



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III H and again a "cleaning-out" process, a revision of the membership list, had to take place. In the books one may find dozens of names scratched with the frequently recurring notation in the margin, "on account of debt".

Apparently every undertaking by the Norwegian Singing Association was successful at this time, and quite naturally, the thought of a hall owned by the Society came to the forefront once more. The matter developed so far that a building committee was appointed, and one thousand dollars was put aside as the beginning of a building fund. Thus far the movement developed, but no further. The one thousand dollars was found most convenient to fall back upon at a later date when the Society had reason to say that days were not pleasant.

In 1887 the passive membership had reached one hundred and fifty. Of the money owned by the Society, \$1,700 had been invested in City Water Bonds. Besides there was \$1,300 cash in the treasury, and the sick-aid treasury held three to



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III H four hundred dollars. The sums which at this time were passing through the hands of the treasurer were not inconsiderable. To give an example, during the second half of 1890 the Society had an income of \$1,362.46 and expenditures of \$1,120.84.

The year 1887 witnessed the first great Scandinavian song festival in Philadelphia. During the previous year the Norwegian Singing Society had joined this great movement among the Scandinavian singers in the United States. In 1887 the Singing Society gave two concerts for the benefit of two member singers who had taken ill; each of these concerts netted about \$200. Afterwards the singers went on their way east to Philadelphia, forty-eight men strong, the Society having appropriated \$100 for traveling expenses. Half a year earlier Mr. T. Lammers had joined the Society and it was a matter of course that he was chosen baritone soloist during the song festival.

The Singers will long remember the reception given them in Philadelphia as



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III H well as the hospitality accorded them during their stay there. They were, of course, the only singers from the west; no wonder that they were given special care.

As a reward for their singing and in token of the esteem in which they were held, the Singers received a drinking horn which even today revives in the men pleasant memories of this tour to the east. So successful was the Philadelphia song festival in every way that it was decided to hold a similar festival in 1889, this time in Chicago.

During the latter part of 1887 the Norwegian Singing Society had started Sunday concerts and continued these until the summer of 1888. This year saw a chorus of singers one hundred strong, and it was decided to put the brakes on for a while to prevent the chorus from getting unwieldy.

It seemed necessary to gather as much money as possible for the song festival



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III H in Chicago, and money-making affairs succeeded each other in swift order. A pause was made for the celebration at Battery "D" of the United States' Centennial. The Singers Union had been resurrected, and that Society was at the helm during the centennial celebration.

It had been intended to rent the Auditorium for the Song Festival, but this would not be available until November. Battery "D" had to do service, and here the concert was held and later the banquet. Afterward the tour went to Sharpshooters' Park where nature and freedom were enjoyed. This song festival had been put over primarily by the Singing Society; later this Society had to suffer for it; the honor of having the leadership in the affair cost the Singing Society about twelve hundred dollars.

In 1889 Mr. J. W. Colberg had been the leader of the Norwegian Singing Society for fifteen years. The singers showed their appreciation of his devotion and service to the Society through a valuable present and a joyous banquet.



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III H The singing societies Bjorgrin, Harmony, and the Norwegian Singing Society were at the time "bosom friends," frequently working together for common ends. They even gave a concert together in Racine; on this occasion they enjoyed themselves greatly besides earning some money for their societies.

The twentieth anniversary of the organization of the Society was celebrated with a brilliant banquet. The day after, however, the Singers awakened with acute headaches; there was a deficit of one hundred dollars in their treasury. In 1891 there were one hundred and five active singers in the Society; in 1893 there were one hundred and twenty-two. . . . but there were rarely more than sixty to seventy at rehearsals. There were also about four hundred passive members in the Society. . . .

The various singing societies now began to prepare for the third Song Festival to be held in Minneapolis in 1891. The Norwegian Singing Society managed to



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III H build a traveling fund of seven hundred dollars. Four hundred dollars was added from the main treasury of the Society, giving the forty-five singers who went to Minneapolis a substantial aid toward their expenses.

On July 16 the singers from the east came to Chicago where they received the most cordial reception. No doubt there was cheerfulness of a quite noisy kind that evening at Nora Hall. Seven societies had joined in acting host to the out-of-town singers. The following day the whole crowd, hosts and guests, set out for the Mill City where a total of forty-eight singing societies met.

In 1892 the Singing Society held its most successful bazaar. All the honorary members of the Society had been appointed to a committee on arrangements, and the result, \$1,400 net, showed that the idea was feasible.

The Exposition year, 1893, brought the fourth and last Song Festival; this



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III H year the Vikings came to Chicago. The Norwegian Singing Society on this occasion rented a steamer of their own and later on was connected with the meeting at Central Music Hall where the Vikings were presented both to the Scandinavian and to the American public.

As to the Song Festival of this year, it was a success from beginning to end. In spite of this the Scandinavian Singers Union of America ceased to exist the following year, and it is not likely that it will ever be resurrected. The Chicago Union expired about the same time. This Union has a sort of an heir in the Norwegian Singers' Union of Chicago, organized last year. . . .

We have now come so close to the present that it is no longer necessary to give a year by year story of the Society. The Norwegian Singing Society is known by most of our people. The years following the World's Fair were bad not only for individuals but for societies as well. The Norwegian Singing Society escaped the sad lot that befell so many. Among events worth



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III H mentioning is the singing contest at the Auditorium in 1895 in which several nations participated and where the Norwegian Singing Society received a fine medal for their rendering of "Bruddefarden i Hardanger" (The Bridal Procession in Hardanger).

This same year the Society moved from Ericson's Hall which had become too small, to Concordia Hall which henceforth was named Normania Hall. Here the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society was celebrated with a most successful banquet.



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PROFESSOR J. W. COLBERG'S JUBILEE

Director of the Norwegian Singing Society Twenty-Five Years

1899 marked Professor J. W. Colberg's twenty-fifth anniversary as director of the Norwegian Singing Society. For twenty-five years he had wielded the director's baton, during times of sorrow and times of joy; under criticism and acclaim--ever the same, full of energy and initiative. It is probable that most people are not yet aware of the great part Mr. Colberg played in the development of the Society and of the Norwegian group in Chicago. This is not the place for a complete discussion of his services, nor is the present a suitable time for such discussion. This may be said, however, that his work has left a lasting impression in the history of the Norwegian Singing Society. The Society has shown its appreciation of Mr. Colberg in several ways, and when he resigned....a benefit concert in honor of his jubilee was arranged at Wicker Park Hall. This concert did honor both to him and to the Society and will long live pleasantly in the memory of Mr. Colberg.



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Many funny things may be found in the English language press in our city about Norwegian societies and Norwegian and Norwegian-American matters. Last Sunday, however, the Chronicle published an article relative to the thirtieth anniversary of the Norwegian Singing Society which, from the standpoint of humor, surpasses much....of what has been presented in the line of distorted stories in that and other Chicago newspapers. In the article referred to we are told that "in 1870 ten members of the Scandinavian Turner Society came to Chicago. Among these were Ole Bull, Grieg, Selmer, and Bjornson, all of whom later won great fame. At first it seemed as if their cause was hopeless, but they worked hard, and with the assistance of some of their compatriots they succeeded in organizing the Norwegian Singing Society." It would take some search to find a story quite as far from the facts as the above.

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Ole Bull was, at the time, sixty years old and had attained about all the fame he was ever to reach; his name was acclaimed all over the civilized world in such a manner that one might have expected the echo of it to have prevented even a Chicago reporter from making a faux pas like that referred to.

Even Bjornson, who was twenty-two years younger than Bull, had arrived somewhat further in 1870 than to come to Chicago, as a member of the Scandinavian Turner Society, to organize a singing society. Edward Grieg was born in 1843 and thus in 1870 was still young enough to have been an active turner of a sort, but at the time he was somewhat differently engaged, being the leader of the Philharmonic Society in Christiania, Norway. He had already won a considerable share of that fame which the reporter of the Chronicle is so kind as to accede him. As to the fourth "turner," John Selmer was in Paris, France in 1870, occupied with his great orchestra composition, "Scene Funebre".



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Further on in this same remarkable article the author informs us that "in 1872 the Norwegian Singing Society serenaded the Swedish Nightingale, Christian Nelson". He probably meant Christina Nilsson who, strangely enough, was in Chicago about the time referred to.



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THE NORSEMAN'S SINGING SOCIETY

The Norsemen's Singing Society was organized on October 30, 1870, and its anniversary was celebrated with a festival last Sunday.

Dr. Anders Doe was the principal speaker of the evening. He retailed in glowing words the history of the Society since its foundation in 1870. Of those who organized the Society only the following are alive today: A. N. Nokleby, Martin Losby, Chr. Tonsberg, Kristian Olsen, Halvor Holtan, H. S. Paulsen, John Brostad, Gust Erikson, Charles Debes, Martin Kean, and Louis Johnson.

The Society suffered a severe setback in the great fire, but in 1872 it again became active. In 1874 J. W. Colberg became the director of the **chorus**; he functioned for twenty-five years. Last year he was succeeded by Kristian Nilsson.

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The Society organized a "serenade" for Ole Bull in 1871 at the Grand Central Hotel. In 1887 it gave its first real song festival.

Among the other speakers we wish to mention O. A. Thorp, who spoke for Norway, and Attorney Alfred Johnson, who spoke for America. Prof. J. W. Colberg spoke on the future of the Society.

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THE NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB
Entertainment--Tour to Norway

The Norwegian Glee Club held its first monthly entertainment for its passive members and their wives and friends at Dost Hall, corner of Washtenaw and Wabansia Avenues. More than one hundred people were present, and the evening was passed pleasantly with vocal numbers by the Glee Club and comic songs by Harry Dahl.

At the last business meeting a committee was selected to arrange for the intended tour to Norway in 1902....The committee has strong hopes that the tour may be realized. Many requests for information have been received....

The Norwegian Glee Club is steadily progressing and now has more than one hundred members. Entertainments similar to that of last Tuesday evening will be given every fourth Tuesday of every month during the winter season.



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THE NORWEGIAN SINGING SOCIETY
Thirtieth Anniversary is Celebrated

The Norwegian Singing Society celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, last Sunday, at Wicker Park Hall with a banquet. Mr. John R. Larsen, an artist, had decorated the Hall most attractively in the Norwegian national colors. Upon one of the long walls the banner of the Singing Society was displayed, with the Norwegian flag on one side and the American flag on the other; [there were] also paintings of Ole Bull and Edward Grieg. The platform was decorated with palms and flags, also the state emblem of Norway, and other decorations.

Five long tables were set for the guests, decorated with palms and flowers.

The earliest guest arrived at 4 P. M., and while waiting for the others the Singing Society sang "Sangerhilsen" ("Greeting From The Singers") and "Nat-tener saa stille" ("Quiet is the Evening"). Both numbers received lively applause.



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At 6 P. M. the orchestra played the "supper march" and the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Mr. K. M. Hagland and his wife led the march, and Mr. Hagland also acted as toastmaster.

After the edge had been taken off their hunger, Dr. A. Doe was introduced as the speaker in honor of the occasion. His speech was in part as follows:

"In celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of The Norwegian Singing Society, we are confronted with a section of cultural history of which the Norwegians in this country have every reason to be proud. At the time when the Norwegian Singing Society was started, conditions were quite different and far more difficult than at present. The early members were young, poor boys, who had immigrated to America from Norway for the purpose of making a living here, but who were willing to spend their spare time in promoting the Norwegian song movement. Of the earliest members, we still find alive and among us Messrs. Martin Losby, Nokleby, Tunsberg, and Olsen. There are also a few members living who joined during the first few years.



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"The Society got its first real start at a fair which was held in 1872, and at which the net earnings amounted to about \$400. The voices at the time were none too good, and there was always the money difficulty. A tenor had to be hired, and the pay was fifty cents per hour. The practice hall was at the Kolamina (Coal Mine) on Green Street--a remarkable place--which at various times had been a chapel, a saloon, a song hall, and a furniture warehouse. It was finally torn down.

"The first director of the Singing Society was Mr. [E. S.] Lindtner who came here from Stavanger, Norway. He was a man who took great interest in the Society, and his name is still remembered with veneration by all who knew him.

"After Mr. Lindtner's departure for San Francisco, where he is still living, Mr. Larsen was elected director, and when he left, Mr. Uhe became his successor. In 1874 Mr. J. W. Colberg became the director of the Society, and under his leadership the Society became a prominent factor in the Scandinavian

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world of music as well as in its social life. After twenty-five years' activity as director, Mr. Colberg withdrew and was followed by the present director, Mr. Christian Nilsen, who has proven a worthy successor to him.

"From the very beginning the members of the Norwegian Singing Society have evidenced great willingness to sacrifice for the cause for which they have been working. At one time the Society had several thousand dollars in the treasury, most of which was donated to pay the deficit incurred by the first Scandinavian song festival in Chicago. Interest has been steadily increasing; it is possible that at one time there were a larger number of active members in the Society than now, but not because of any present waning interest. The financial depression under which we are laboring has, of course, had some influence upon the activities of our people, but the chorus of the Society was never any larger or better than today.

"The Norwegian Singing Society, as we find it today, is a living proof of the





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achievements made possible through love for a cause supported by unyielding persistence, by common sense, and by willingness to sacrifice.

"Some day the Norwegian Singing Society may expire; we are living in a period of transition. When our children or children's children have passed away, when the language of the great country in which we live has become the language of our descendants, then will the history of the Norwegian Singing Society have reached its last page. But by that time the mission of the Society will have been fulfilled. The Norwegian Singing Society has transplanted the haunting melodies of the Norwegian dales as well as Norwegian music to the soil of America. It has awakened and maintained in our people the love of music; it has aided mightily in developing cultured and educated citizens for our new homeland. For these reasons the Society has been of the very greatest significance."

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Attorney A. T. Johnson spoke in honor of America. He mentioned what the old Norwegian settlers had done for their adopted country; as law-abiding citizens

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they had ever been in the forefront in the endeavor to promote the country's interests in every respect.

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The singers presented "Norges Bedste" ("Norway's Foremost"), after which the oldest Norwegian settler present at the celebration, Mr. P. M. Balken, gave an unusually interesting speech on the topic, "The Growing Generation".

Professor J. W. Colberg, former director of the Singing Society for twenty-five years, spoke in praise of the Society. His speech was received with great enthusiasm.

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This very successful anniversary celebration will long live in the memory of the participants.



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THE NORWEGIANS' SINGING SOCIETY: THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

by

E. S. Lindtner

The Norwegians' Singing Society is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary today. There are probably not many societies which manage to live as long and at the same time maintain such vitality as this Society. The fact that the Society has retained such vitality after so many years is a testimonial to the power of united effort for a noble purpose. A generation ago the Norwegians' Singing Society first stood forth in the light of day; it has had a generation-long struggle against adverse conditions, yet, today, as thirty years ago, the Society is working with the same youthful enthusiasm, with the same youthful hope. This fact is rich in promise for the future. It is to be hoped that the work of the founders for the development of the Society will be rewarded and their dearest wishes fulfilled.

When on some future day the history of the Norwegian-American culture is written, it will be necessary, as far as the cities are concerned, to turn

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IV to the history of the various societies for material. For just as churches and priests are the ties which hold the people in the rural districts together, so the societies are the uniting link among us in the cities. When such a history is written, it is probable that the place accorded the Norwegians' Singing Society in the development, will be more important than is believed today.

Turning our gaze backward over these thirty years, we find a fine example of the cultural history of the Norwegian immigrants. The immigrants, arriving in America, were poor and lonely. In their need they joined hands, and what was more natural than for them to form a singing society. The organization of a singing society was, so to speak, a national undertaking, springing from the love of the people for the music of their old homeland and for the great composers there. Singing, they forgot their troubles and that that they were alone in a strange land; they dreamt they were once more back among the mountain regions of Norway.

These pioneers in the field of singing had no thought of doing anything great--

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IV probably most of them were thinking of themselves, hardly dreaming that this idea of theirs, born of need, nurtured under struggles, was to strike roots and spread all over the country, and remain virile for decades. But that was what happened. The Norwegians' Singing Society holds the honor of having maintained itself throughout all these years; in addition the Society has children and children's children in cities and countrysides, singing societies organized by men who previously were members of the Norwegians' Singing Society. It has even been claimed, and probably with good reason, that the Society is the parent of all the present singing societies among the Norwegians in America.

The books of the Society show that the membership has totaled approximately one thousand people during the years of its existence.

The Society has held about twenty bazaars and forty independent concerts; in addition it has assisted at about ten times as many affairs.

It would seem, therefore, quite proper to present a brief summary of the his-

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IV tory of the Society. A historic sketch, as mentioned above, will also show the readers of the paper that the work upon which the Society can look back has not always been "just fun", for on many occasions the Society assumed heavy obligations for the purpose of alleviating need, both private and public, and also did their share when the question arose of carrying to victory some national cause which might otherwise have been lost.

The original seed of the large Society of today was planted in the old Scandinavian Turner Society. According to tradition, however, the turners demanded too much from the singers. The latter were expected not only to pay their own instructor, but also to pay part of the salary of the turner instructor. At the same time they were expected to be ready to give their singing services to the turners whenever they were required. At last the demands became too irksome for the singers, and under the name of Chicago Scandinavian Singing Society, eight or ten Norwegian youths started their fight for existence as a singing club. Their instructor was Mr. C. Anderson and the president of their society was Bernt Olson. The first regular busi-

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IV ness meeting was held on August 30, 1870.

In the same year, Mr. E. S. Lindtner came to Chicago, a lively and gay young man, a "Norwegian Norseman from Norway" as he put it, filled with enthusiasm for everything Norwegian, and eager to prove himself a worthy Norwegian.

On October 30, the Scandinavian Labor Union invited the singers to join the Union. The invitation was declined, however, and the motion of Mr. Lindtner to steer the course of the singers under the name "The Norwegians' Singing Society", was accepted. This did not mean, however, that only Norwegians could be accepted as members of the Society. Any Scandinavian of good repute was equally welcome.

The first hall of the Society was at 204 Desplaines Street; later Aurora Turner Hall was rented by the singers.

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IV to join, but without success. The desire for independence was too strong, although it was often sorely tried during those first years. This desire for independence did not prevent the Norwegians' Singing Society from combining with the Swedish singing society "Freya", and a common board of directors was elected for the two societies, and regular rehearsals were held. Within this co-operative setting, each society preserved its own independence, however; the union was only to attain greater results and at the same time ward off, during the period of youth, such diseases as frequently attack societies during their early years. The co-operative undertaking did not last, however; after a couple of co-operative concerts, the relationship became less cordial. In the meanwhile the Norwegians' Singing Society had given its first assistance in connection with a church concert for the benefit of the church of Reverend Kroghnass, and had held its first picnic at Lyons' Grove.

At this time, Christina Nelson came to Chicago on her first visit and gave her concerts here on June 14 and 16. The Swedes tried to arrange a reception in honor of the prima donna, but "Freya" was too weak to accomplish anything

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IV by itself and it felt compelled to appeal to the Norwegians' Singing Society for assistance. For a while it appeared that co-operation would be impossible; each society wanted its own instructor to direct the program. At a joint meeting of the two societies, fist fighting among some of the members was prevented with difficulty. The call for a vote saved the situation, however. Several of the Swedes voted for Mr. Lindtner, and he was elected. "Freya's" instructor at the time was Professor Svendsen. The concert was given at Germania Hall only a few months before the fire.

The Norwegian Dramatic Society had, in the meantime, celebrated the Seventeenth of May with a festival and play, and the Norwegians' Singing Society had assisted and won great applause. Encouraged by this, the Society decided to give a program in October. This concert was never given, however; the Chicago fire made everything topsy-turvy, and nearly killed the young Singing Society. Many of the members left Chicago, and those who remained did not have courage enough to continue rehearsals with the depleted membership. A special meeting was held at the home of the instructor, and at this meeting

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IV it was decided to maintain the Society in name only, for a while, with no rehearsals and no membership fees. After one month, the Society started its activities once more, however, and since its rooms in Aurora Turner Hall had been rented, a rehearsal hall was found at the school on May Street.

The Society took courage as the rehearsals went on; a program and a concert were decided on, and assistance was given on Christmas day at a children's festival at the Church of Our Savior [Norwegian]. The rehearsals were now held at a hall on the corner of Union Avenue and Indiana Street, and the singers met for practice regularly, twice a week.

A concert had been decided upon in honor of Ole Bull, who was in the city, to be held on March 7, but a blizzard kept most of the singers at home, and instead of a concert, Ole Bull received an apology presented by three of the singers.

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IV of songs presented; they were as follows:

1. Vandringslysten (The Desire to Travel)
2. Klara Stjerna (O, Bright Star)
3. Sagta, Hun Slumrar Redan (Quiet, She is Already Sleeping)
4. Hvi Skal Du Fjerran Vara (Why Stay Away)
5. Bravo, Sode Jensen (Splendid, Sweet Jensen)
6. Fremad med Lystig Sang (Forward with Lively Songs)
7. Brodra Horen Ni Signalen (Brethren, do You Hear the Signal)
8. Hosten er Kommen (The Fall is Here)
9. Alpesangen (The Song of the Alps)

The net income from this concert was \$100.09.

For a few weeks the Society moved from hall to hall like a group of nomads. Of course, there was not as much baggage to move in those days as in later years. Finally, a more permanent resting place was found in the familiar Aurora Hall.

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IV In April, 1872 a sick benefit society was organized for the members of the Singing Society. This benefit society is still active and is probably the strongest of its kind among the Scandinavian societies. Singers are rarely ill. At the same time a library was started, which now comprises many hundreds of volumes.

On Thursday, April 18, 1872, the concert for Ole Bull, which once before had been attempted, was given. This was an event which the older singers still remember with pride. The Scandinavian Music Society joined in this greeting to the great violinist. Headed by Norwegian and American flags, the singers marched to Grand Central Hotel, where Ole Bull was staying, while the lights from the candles threw a fantastic gleam over the mass of curious people who were covered by almost a Norwegian snowfall which laid its white crystals over the singers.

Mr. Bull had just returned from a concert on the South Side, and as the band played "Sonner af Norge" (Sons of Norway) and the Singing Society sang "Ja, ri elsker" (Yes, We Love), one felt as if Norway itself had come to

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IV salute this famous Norwegian. The latter was deeply moved and declared that it was the loveliest greeting he could possibly have had. Everybody was invited into the hotel, and....unforgettable hours were passed with the famous violinist. Mr. Lindtner was invited to return the following day, and Mr. Bull then showed his appreciation of the concert by presenting each of the participating societies with fifty dollars. The Norwegians' Singing Society used the money to add to its book collection.

In April of the same year the Society began preparations for the celebration of the one-thousandth anniversary of Norway as a nation. This was an undertaking which will not be forgotten among the Norwegians in America, and to the Norwegians' Singing Society is due the full credit and honor for this celebration, not only because the idea originated with the Society, but also because, in spite of opposition from every side, the Society went ahead and made the celebration a success. Even if this were its only accomplishment, the Singing Society would have created for itself a lasting monument through its leadership in connection with this celebration. With a willingness worthy of the cause, the \$125 which the Society had in its

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IV treasury was turned over to the committee on arrangements, and in addition, \$100 was borrowed to buy some new Norwegian and American flags. Aid was sought from other Norwegian societies, but all of them declined; even "Nora", the oldest Norwegian lodge refused to help. In spite of this, the Singing Society went on with its preparations. The singers even drew on their private savings, lending the money to the Society. It was a national undertaking and it was felt that success must be achieved regardless of the cost. The undertaking did succeed as probably no other undertaking among Norwegians in America, has.

Those who did not dare to take the risk involved in the preparations, were now eager to join in the festivities. With banners and flags, all the other societies assembled outside the Norwegian Hall on North Peoria Street, on the morning of July 18. The singers had already arrived, and when the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Reverend Pettersen, invited them to enter, they marched into the Hall where a group of ladies dressed in white received them and presented the Singing Society with a beautiful silk banner.

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IV Ten societies participated in the parade, followed by twenty carriages, in each of which sat four ladies in white. Three special trains were required to bring the crowd to Haas Park where a gun salute announced their arrival and the Norwegian one-thousandth anniversary celebration had opened in Chicago. The celebration was most successful, and all the Norwegians were justly proud of it.

As one may imagine, this undertaking brought the Singing Society many advantages. Its name became known beyond the Scandinavian groups, and now there was a steady influx of new members. The financial condition was much improved despite the heavy expenses. In the beginning of 1874, Mr. Lindtner went to California and the Society thus lost their able instructor and eager and energetic friend. It was largely due to him that the Society weathered the storms of its first three years so well.

Following Mr. Lindtner's departure, the Singing Society had for its instructor, first Mr. Larsen and then Mr. Uhe. These two men remained only a few months, and then Professor J. W. Colberg came to fill the position which he has ably held for twenty-five years.

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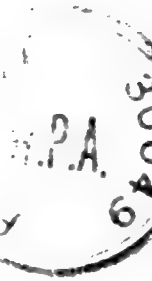
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MRS. ANTONIE MEYER'S CONCERT

Mrs. Antonie Meyer's concert held on Friday at Wicker Park Hall was fairly well attended. One-half of the income is going to the Norwegian Orphanage, and it would not have hurt if the attendance had been greater, so that a larger amount of money might have accrued to the Orphanage.

Several of Mrs. Meyer's many pupils participated in the concert--some of them children of but nine years of age; also the Erato Glee Club, under the direction of Nels Holter, sang several numbers and had to give a number of encores.

Mr. Thin played a couple of violin solos, accompanied by Mrs. Meyer and received well-deserved applause. Mrs. Meyer played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" with great finesse and was presented with a large bouquet of flowers. The last number on the program was the "Saeterjentens Sondag" (Sunday of the Dairy Maid), sung by Miss Elise Young dressed in Norwegian national garb. She was called on for an encore and this was given under Bengal lights, a beautiful



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sight. At this concert, as on earlier occasions, Mrs. Meyer proved that she was capable not only of presenting her many students, but she also showed that they have learned to play quite difficult pieces on the piano.



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CHURCH CONCERT

The Young Ladies Society of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Our Savior gave a most successful church concert at the Church, corner of May and Erie Streets, last Wednesday evening. The attendance was large, although the big church auditorium was not completely filled.

The attractive program opened with a cornet solo by Mr. M. Pedersen, "My Old Kentucky Home"; this number as well as the concluding number, "Remembrance of Norway" was played with that sureness ever evidenced by Mr. Pedersen when playing the cornet.

Mr. Bruno Hess sang the baritone solos "Songs My Mother Taught Me", "Gamla Mor" ("My Old Mother"), and "It's Enough", and received much praise.

Miss Anna H. Olsen gave a piano solo; she proved a master on her chosen instrument.



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Mr. Eugene Skaaden played numbers by Grieg, Seeboeck, and Chopin with great success. He also accompanied Messrs. Pedersen and Hess.

Mr. George Bass, violinist, played two numbers by Mendelssohn with his usual ability, accompanied by Mr. Charles Green.

Besides these various artists the audience also had the pleasure of listening to Miss Grace Nelson whose beautiful soprano voice is well known in Chicago; she has appeared on numerous occasions on the South Side.

The concert was a success in every way. The audience had been requested not to applaud, since the concert was given in the church.



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THE NORWEGIAN SINGING ASSOCIATION

The first anniversary of the Norwegian Singing Association was celebrated last Sunday evening at Schoenhofen's Hall. More than one hundred singers were present. While waiting for some laggards, the Singing Association, under the leadership of Director Emil Bjorn rendered a number of songs. An hour after the appointed time the throng gathered around the tables for their feast, to the music of the band and the singing of "Ja, vi elsker."

Vice-president Theodor Ebert was the toastmaster and the first speaker. He reminded those present that the Singing Association had been organized one year ago and that the number of members to the four singing societies of which the Association consists has been on the increase. The Association had been started without any money in the treasury, and now after one year's existence there is not only money in the treasury but more money due the treasury.



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The Norwegian singers are the core of the Norwegian population in Chicago, the speaker said; the Association had its annual meeting last Saturday, he added, and at that meeting a new board of directors was elected. He concluded his speech by thanking the members of the retiring board of directors for their able and faithful services.

A letter from the president of the Association, Dr. T. Warloe, who is in Trondhjem, Norway, at present, was read and the toastmaster stated that the board of directors had today replied to the letter by telegraph.

Mr. Birger Osland had promised to act as the speaker of the day, but was kept absent through illness, however, and Senator Niels Juul [Dane] was requested to undertake the task. He readily complied, and expressed his pleasure at being with the singers. We do not love America less because we come together occasionally to call to mind again the Norwegian language and cultivate singing and music. The people of the North have given valuable service in building up this country; yet we will ever remember the country

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where our cradle stood. He concluded with a toast for the Norwegian Singing Association. The veteran singer, Professor J. W. Colberg, was the next speaker. He expressed his thanks for the honor shown him in that he had been specially invited to the anniversary social; he also thanked the singers for the interest they had shown in the development of Norwegian singing in Chicago.

The instructor of the Norwegian Singing Society, Mr. Christian Nilsen, was called on to make a speech, but he declined. Mr. Emil Bjorn expressed the thanks from the Association to the delegates; he also thanked the singers for their splendid co-operation during the past year and concluded with words of praise for the veteran song leaders Messrs. Colberg, Nilsen and Svenson.

The new president of the Singing Association, Mr. E. J. Johnson, expressed his satisfaction at the harmony prevailing among the singers whether engaged in serious tasks or in social activity and pleasure. Mr. Ingolf Erdahl spoke in remembrance of the past president of the Association, Dr. T. Warloe, who had moved to Norway. Last Saturday Dr. Warloe was elected honorary member of the Singing Association. Mr. Julius Jaeger spoke in honor of the Norwegian



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Glee Club, wishing success for its endeavor to gather means for a tour to Norway in 1902. Mr. Henry Dahl rendered some humorous songs, and Messrs. Alex Anderson, Arent Lee, and others gave brief humorous speeches.

After supper, the Singing Society Bjorgvin sang Finland's national hymn and other songs. Then the Glee Club and the Norwegian Singing Society gave some numbers. The pleasant social concluded about midnight.

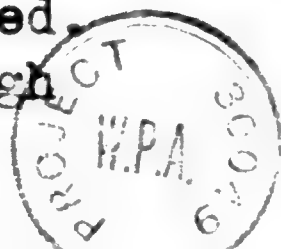
Saturday evening the Norwegian Singing Association held its annual meeting at Schoenhofen's Hall. Mr. E. J. Johnson of the Norwegian Singing Society was elected president, Mr. Axel E. Jensen of the Norwegian Glee Club vice-president; Mr. K. Knudsen of Bjorgvin Singing Society secretary; Mr. C. F. Arnet of the Norwegian Quartet Club treasurer.

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EXCURSION TO ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

The excursion to St. Joseph, which was undertaken by steamer last Sunday, had been very widely advertised. Part of the income from the excursion was to go to the Norwegian Glee Club, and it was expected that the number of excursioners would be large. Contrary to expectations, however, there were hardly more than one hundred passengers. Probably the public was deterred by the lateness in the season. At nine o'clock the steamer left from Graham Morton's wharf with the excursionists on board. It was the steamer Mary which had been rented, and it was decorated with flags and pennants. Of course, the Norwegian flag was wafting from the foremast. Passing down the river, the Northern Light band played, and the Glee Club gave vocal numbers.

The weather was excellent, Lake Michigan lay **mirror** like, not a breath of wind the whole day. The steamer arrived at St. Joseph at 2 P. M. and the excursionists paraded to Lake View Hotel where an elegant dinner was served. After the dinner, three street cars were at hand to take the guests through



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the town to Benton Harbor and further on to Orchard Park where the party enjoyed itself for several hours by singing music, and dancing. Many Michigan people joined in the fun and the afternoon passed very quickly and pleasantly. At 8 P. M. the street cars were at hand once more, this time to bring the excursionists back to the steamer.

Speeches were made both on board the ship and in the park. On the home-voyage there was dancing on board the ship. At 2 A. M., Monday the party arrived in Chicago again, and the agreement was universal that the excursion had been a grand success.

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THE GLEE CLUB PICNIC

The basket picnic of the Norwegian Glee Club brought many people both members and friends, out to Forrest Glen, Jefferson, last Sunday. The long walk from the streetcar line to the picnic grove probably caused many to stay at home who otherwise would have been present.

Those present had lots of fun in this beautiful grove; there was no lack of singing and other kinds of enjoyment. The guests returned to Jefferson early enough to escape the heavy rain which started about eight o'clock.



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THE NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB IN HUMBOLDT PARK
Concert from the Boats on the Lagoons Most Successful

At the invitation of Mr. Young, superintendent of boats in Humboldt Park, the Norwegian Glee Club gave a concert in Humboldt Park lagoon last Thursday evening. Eight boats were put at the disposal of the singers. All the active singers met at the hall of the Club at 7:30 P. M. and went in procession to the Park. A large crowd was present. Mr. Young told a reporter for the Skandinaven that at least six thousand people were present; most of them came to hear the singers. Conversation in the Norwegian and Danish languages could be heard in all sections of the Park.

The Glee Club sang the following numbers: "Naar Fjordene Blaaner" (When the Fjord Reflects Blue), "To My Country", "Father Berg", "Singers Respect", "Rosebud Fair", "Ja, Vi Elsker" (Yes, We Love), "Nys Seiled Vi en Solblank Time" (Just Now We Landed an Hours' Sail in Sunlight), and "Skjon er Du Nat" (Fair You Are, Night). The first number was sung at the boat house, and



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after that the singers rowed out upon the waters, now stopping to sing, now rowing again until they had reached the new pavillion; then they returned to the boat house.

At 10 P. M. the singers went to their hall, corner of Wabansia and Washtenaw Avenues, where the ladies of the Club had gathered, bringing refreshments. The president of the Club, Mr. Emil Jensen, expressed the thanks of the Club to the ladies for the interest the latter had displayed on so many occasions in the undertakings of the Club. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Young for giving the singers this chance in the Park.

The Glee Club then sang several numbers and Mr. Harry Dahl rendered two humoristic songs. After the luncheon, dancing completed the activities of the evening.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 22, 1900.

THE NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB AT HUMBOLDT PARK

The Norwegian Glee Club, through its treasurer, has received from the board of directors of Humboldt Park an offer of free boats on the lagoon next Thursday evening if, in return, the Club will sing while on the lagoon. The Club has decided to accept the offer and expects to be able to arrange for a really attractive program for the improvised concert from the boats. The concert will start at eight o'clock and continue until late in the evening.

The Glee Club has become revived of late, as it were, after having been in a semicomatose condition for a while. The fact that the Club has been able to repay a considerable debt, contracted long ago, testifies to this revival. In addition, it has a considerable sum in its treasury. The present officers of the Club are: president, Mr. Axel Jensen; secretary, John Neergaard; treasurer, John Frogg.



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THE NORWEGIAN SINGING ASSOCIATION HOLDS PICNIC
The Place Was Beautiful Elm Tree Grove

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The picnic proceeded according to announcement and was a success in every way.....
Already at noontime, a number of people had gathered; more came during the
afternoon, but it was not until about six o'clock that the large crowds
arrived and the program got under way.

President T. Ebert of the Association welcomed the people warmly, and Attorney
Alfred T. Johnson spoke in honor of America. His speech was enthusiastic and
was received with applause. Senator Niels Juul [Danish] spoke in a humoristic
vein and, as always, was warmly applauded.

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As to the remaining numbers on the program, the rendition of the song, "Mindets Bagen" (Toast to the Past), by performers in viking costumes, made a special impression. The performance was most attractive, though the illusion suffered somewhat from the gaiety evoked through the sight of acquaintances dressed in helmet and armor, especially in consideration of the terrific heat. Those not participating in the performance could not help feeling strong sympathy with the unfortunates who were loaded down with armor, including wigs and other heavy articles of clothing.

The black magicians were watched with great jubilation as they engaged in a competitive eating contest, each from his end of a long sausage.....The two sausage-eaters did their work faithfully, and Mr. Birger Osland, under whose watch the exhibition was performed, had to keep an eye on the two to prevent them from attacking each other after the sausage-eating was over. Later on there was a sports exhibition, vaudeville, and dancing in the large dance pavilion....until late in the evening.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 15, 1900.

THE NORWEGIAN SINGING ASSOCIATION HOLDS PICNIC
Today the Singers Meet at Elm Tree Grove

The committee on arrangements for the picnic held its last meeting on Friday, and if one may judge from the reports of the various subcommittees, the beautiful and large Elm Tree Grove will not be too large today. This occasion will be one at which the Norwegian population in Chicago, adults and children, young and old, come together to have fun and to give their support to the singing societies which on all occasions have been willing to lend a helping hand.

On the other hand one needs to remember that the program is of a type which the Norwegians in Chicago rarely have had the chance to enjoy. Among the speakers may be mentioned Senator Niels Juul [Danish], Mr. Alfred T. Johnson, and Mr. G. Katzenberger. Good Norwegian music, chorus singing, and turner exhibitions constitute the serious part of the program.

The two world-renowned black magicians, Owahowa from Zulu and Tootai from Guinea,

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are to compete in sausage eating. Each is to start at his end of the sausage, then they eat in their fiery way until they meet somewhere in the neighborhood of the middle; and in order that they may not eat each other when their mouths meet at the middle of the sausage, two watchers have been appointed to prevent possible cannibalism.

After this the beautiful song "Mindets Bager" (Toast To The Past) will be sung, the singers dressed as vikings. A number of comic songs will also be sung. Then there will be various kinds of races with prizes distributed. There is every reason why the Norwegians will turn out in large numbers.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 11, 1900.

THE NORWEGIAN SINGING ASSOCIATION

The Norwegian Singing Association had a dress rehearsal at Schoenhofen's Hall last Monday evening. Almost all the members were present, there being nearly one hundred singers at the rehearsal, and as a result, the instructor, Mr. Emil Bjorn, was very well satisfied. Not only the numbers to be sung during the midsummer festival at Elm Park Grove were studied but also several others of the best songs on the Association's repertoire were rehearsed.

The president of the Association, Mr. T. Ebert, as well as Mr. Berger Osland and Mr. Emil Bjorn, spoke enthusiastically to the singers. Subsequently, the members marched in procession about the Hall, singing "Ja, vi elsker" (Yes, we love).

The singers have acquired new white caps with white visors and chin straps, and all those who have the singers' symbol--the lyre--were requested to attach this symbol to the front of their caps.



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The committee on arrangements announced that everything is in order for the festival, and expressed the hope that everybody would strive to make the intended festival known to as many as possible, so that Elm Tree Grove may become the gathering place for all Norwegians in Chicago on Sunday.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 8, 1900.

THE NORWEGIAN SINGING SOCIETY



The Norwegian Singing Society held [a meeting for the] installation of its new board of directors last Friday evening. After the business meeting, refreshments were served. Many vocal numbers were given by the [members of the] Society.

The members were reminded that the Norwegian Singing Association is to hold a picnic at Elm Tree Grove on Sunday, July 15; also that the Norwegian Singing Society will hold a picnic for members and their friends at Pregler's Grove, Sunday, August 5.

The Norwegian Singing Society has existed for nearly thirty years, and it maintains its position as one of the most vigorous Norwegian societies in America. It is the intention to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Society next fall with a banquet.

There will not be any protracted vacation for the members of the Society this

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year.....Practice has already begun for the annual concert to be held at Wicker Park Hall on November 18.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 18, 1900.

BJORGVIN SINGING SOCIETY HOLDS SOCIAL

The Singing Society Bjorgvin held a social last Saturday at Schoenhofen's Hall, in honor of the ladies who assisted at the last concert of the Society. About one hundred people were present. Four long tables, bulging with food, had been arranged by Mr. Anton Nass.

After an hour of dancing in the smaller hall, Professors J. W. Colberg and Alfred Paulsen played Norwegian folk melodies, while the chairman of the committee on arrangements, Mr. Ingolf Erdahl, led the march to the tables. The chairman welcomed those present, after which the president of the Society, Mr. Alexander Anderson, spoke in praise of the ladies, thanking them for their assistance in the past and expressing the hope that, when needed in the future, they would prove as willing to help as they had been in the past.....

The president of the Norwegian Singing Society, Mr. C. Bergersen, made a speech in honor of the Singing Society Bjorgvin; Dr. Bayesen and Mr. F. Erikson spoke



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in honor of the ladies. Mr. L. H. Steensohn brought greetings from Professor Elberg of Racine, Wisconsin, the former singing instructor of the Bjorgvin. Mr. Robert Nelson appealed to the membership of the Bjorgvin for many socials like this one, and Mr. Julius Jager thanked the concert committee for the work it had accomplished. In conclusion, the mixed chorus under the direction of Professor [John L.] Swenson sang "Before the Cloister of the South".

Then the tables were removed and dancing continued. Between dances the Bjorgvin gave several vocal selections. The social was a success from every point of view.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 12, 1900.

CONCERT



A Norwegian concert was given last Sunday afternoon and evening at Humboldt Park House. The audience was large and the program excellent. Mr. M. Pedersen was in charge of the program, and a number of works of Norwegian composers were presented, such as "Wedding March," by Emil Bjorn; "March", by H. Thinn; "Turner March," by Adolf Hansen; "Norway Home Echoes," by J. R. Hold; "Norwegian Peasant Life," by Holst; "Potpourri" (Norwegian March), by Alfred Paulsen; "American Military March," by M. Pedersen.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 30, 1900.

SINGING SOCIETY HARMONY ENTERTAINS

The Singing Society, Harmony, had a full house last Saturday evening for its musical and dramatic entertainment.

The Singing Society, Hamlet, of Racine, Wisconsin was represented by thirty active singers. Under the leadership of their director, Mr. T. Elberg, they gave several numbers with great success. Similarly the joint choruses of the Hamlet and the Harmony Societies reaped great applause and had to give several encores.

As a closing number of the program a comedy "When We Living Ones Fall Asleep," was presented. The comedy was well presented and was very funny. The evening entertainment closed with dancing, and the entertainment was declared a great success by those present.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 24, 1900.

MATHEW PEDERSEN'S CONCERT

Mathew Pedersen's jubilee concert at Schoenhofen's Hall last Sunday evening was well attended and a source of musical enjoyment far above the ordinary.

The first number on the program, "Leif Erikson's March" written by Mathew Pedersen, and presented by an orchestra of thirty men, aroused enthusiasm; it was followed by Soderman's eternal "Swedish Wedding March"; Lumby's "Dream Phantasies"; G. Meyerbeer's "Candle Dance". The public applauded each of these numbers, and during the presentation of the next piece, "Memories from Norway," the public did not wait with its applause until the numbers had been played, but lively applause was heard while the playing went on. This, by the way, should not be done, since the applause will drown the less strenuous of the tones from the instruments. The "Memories from Norway" had been arranged by Mr. Pedersen and he himself played the cornet solo.....Mr. Pedersen plays the cornet with masterly power. Under the leadership of Mr. Pedersen, the Viking Marine Band



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played "United States Military March"; the difficult phantasies of Norwegian folk melodies were played by the band in a manner that gave clear evidence of the splendid progress made by this young band under its able director.

Miss Eleonora Olsen sang "Synove's Song" with beautiful effect, and, being recalled again and again, she sang as an encore "Sigrid's Song" from "To the Saeter".

The Norwegian Glee Club rendered with fine effect a serenade by O. W. Rechter under the direction of Mr. John Dahl.

A young violinist, George Bass, gave a violin solo from Mendelssohn. He showed ability as a player indicating that he may become a great violinist. The Chicago Trombone Quartet played Wagner's "Pilgrims' Chorus" from "Tannhaeuser". The presentation received much applause.

As the final number, the orchestra played Edward Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite,

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No. 1," and this formed a worthy conclusion to the very successful concert.

At the beginning of part two of the concert, Mr. Olav Boehmer gave a poetic speech on the theme "Music," and ended by extending his thanks to Mr. Mathew Pedersen for his services to music in Chicago during the past twenty years.

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[NORUMBEGA LADIES GIVE CONCERT]

The concert at St. Paul's Church, North Avenue and Leavitt Street, last Monday evening, was well attended when one considers the inclement weather of that evening. The concert was given by the ladies of Norumbega; the church was decorated with plants around the platform.

The program opened with an organ piece by Eugene Skaaden, after which the choir gave a beautiful and appealing number. Violinist Frank Winters played two beautiful selections after which Mr. J. Alexander Bing sang "Fear Ye Not, O Israel!" Mr. Bing proved to be in possession of a very attractive tenor voice. Mrs. Olive Rolston, soprano, and Miss Nora Olson, contralto, sang beautifully, as usual, and the whole concert was a credit to the Norumbega Ladies. Miss Grace Nelson was to have sung at the concert but, unfortunately, she had been taken ill and thus was unable to appear.



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b) "The Song of the Triton".. . . . Molley
Bjorgvin Mixed Chorus
5. "Sweetheart". Hawley
William Henry Thompson

Part Two

6. Intermezzo from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" Grieg
Orchestra
7. Duet, "I Would That My Love". Mendelssohn
Miss Eleanora Olsen and Margaret Dahlstrom
8. "Huldre Klokkelaat". Lindemann
Orchestra
9. The Norrona Song from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" Grieg
Tenor Solo by William Henry Thompson
10. "In a Southern Cloister". Grieg

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Sister SuperiorMiss Margaret Dahlstrom
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[The "Norrona Song" and "In a Southern Cloister" sung for the first time in America].

The Norwegians have had a greater number of grand concerts this year than ever before. Norwegians are music-lovers and cultivate their taste for music to a greater extent than any other group in Chicago.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 3, 1900.

ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF NORWEGIAN SONGS
Open Letter to Northwestern Singers' Association
by
John Dale

Objections have been raised from several sides against the use of English translations of the texts of some of the choral songs for our coming Song Festival. Especially has the use of the English text for the "Olav Trygvason" been objected to. On account of this I beg to call on the singing societies of the Association to use the Norwegian text when preparing the song mentioned for the Festival. I do not believe that the change will cause great difficulty since the song, in its Norwegian text, is to be found in all the more widely used song collections for male choruses, and the text is easily adapted to the music in our new collection of musical numbers.

I have made this change to mollify certain dissatisfied singing societies, but I have taken the step only with considerable reluctance. I am firmly



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convinced that we have arrived at the time when English texts ought to be used in presenting Scandinavian compositions, at least in part. In doing so we are opening a new door in music, as it were, to the English speaking public, and to do so is certainly to take a new step forward towards the goal the Association has set for itself. Anybody will understand why, in furtherance of this goal, I chose some of the pearls of Scandinavian musical creations to be sung in English. For the reasons given at the beginning of this statement, "Olav Trygvason" will be sung in Norwegian at the coming Song Festival, but no further changes will be made in the program.

The "Peasant Wedding March" will be sung in English; the songs "Vart Land" and "Hor Oss Svea" will be presented as a concert number (A and B), as will "Song for Danes" and "Hoie Nord" (The Far North). My arrangement for a murmur chorus in the "Saterjentens Sondag" (The Sunday of the Dairy Maid) might well be left free from criticism until heard in connection with orchestral music.



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Greatly against my wishes I have been compelled to select the songs for the Festival unaided. Such being the case, I think it proper to ask, now that the selection has been printed, that tolerance be shown in regard to the selected material and that the individual singing societies practice the material presented to the best of their ability. Next time somebody else will be given the chance of doing things better.

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Singing societies wishing to participate in the concerts of the Song Festival are requested to notify me as early as possible and inform me of the pieces selected by them. No Singing Society will have a chance to sing more than one selection at the concerts during the Song Festival.

I appeal to all the singing societies and the singers to apply themselves seriously to the task at hand. We want to maintain the renown of the Scandinavians as a group ranking high in the art of singing. We also want to see the individual societies as successful participants.



Scandia, Oct. 7, 1899.

THE NORWEGIAN SINGERS' LEAGUE

The Norwegian Singers' League completed its organization last week. The following persons were elected officers: Dr. Thomas Warloe, Theodore Ebert, Nick Hall, and M. Fjeldse.

A final meeting of delegates from the several singing societies will be held this coming week to pass on a constitution and bylaws.

Scandia, June 3, 1899.

BJORGVIN SINGING SOCIETY

The Bjorgvin Singing Society has been giving a number of open air concerts in Ferris Wheel Park. Every day since the opening of the park, between two and three thousand people have attended. Many of these visitors have missed the last car and have had to walk home.

Skandinaven, Feb. 9, 1904

[HONOR MEMORY OF OLE BULL]
(Summary)

The Norwegian singing society "Tjongvin" had a festival in memory of Ole Bull, who would have been 64 years old. It was decided to send a wire to Mrs. Ole Bull, who is living in Cambridge, Mass.



Skandinaven, July 26, 1893

[CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS]
(Summary)

At 8 P.M. the Scandinavian Singing Societies started the r concert in the Festival Hall of the Fair. There were 5,000 people in the hall. The 1,000 singers sang very well. The soloists: Mrs. Sigfred Wolf, Mrs. Signe Hille and Wm. Herold took the public by storm. A fine piano solo was played by Miss Anna Wallins. It was too bad that all in the big hall were not able to hear.

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Skandinaven, March 3, 1893.

[ORGANIZE BENEFIT FOR NORWAY VICTIMS]

For the benefit of the one-hundred and five widows in Norway, who lost their fisherman husbands in a storm. The Norwegian singing societies organized a big show. The net income is to go to the widows in Norway. Our prayer was heard; every seat was sold out and Scandia Hall was packed. Many Danes and Swedes were there to show their sympathy.



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Skandinaven, Feb. 7, 1892.

[HONOR MEMORY OF OLE BULL]

Bjorgvin Singing Society never forgets to celebrate on February 5, Ole Bull's birthday. It was celebrated in the society's own hall. Mr. Richard T. Sartz was toastmaster. In his speech he made a proposition to raise a monument here in Chicago for Ole Bull. The suggestion received great applause.

At six o'clock a great surprise was given the party. The Northern Light Band whose members are all Norwegian, gave a serenade to honor Ole Bull's memory.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 26, 1890.

THE UNITED SCANDINAVIAN SINGERS

The following singing societies have united into a group known as the United Scandinavian Singers of Chicago: Norsemen's Singing Society (Norwegian), Bjorgvin (Norwegian), Harmonien (Danish), Kjerulf (Danish), Svenska Klubben (Swedish), Svithoid (Swedish), Iduna (Danish).

This new group will in turn affiliate with the United Scandinavian Singers of America.



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Scandia, Apr. 19, 1924.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIALIST SINGING SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Socialist Singing Society [The Four S's] has now followed the example of most of the other Scandinavian singing societies, in that it now also will have a dramatic group.

They will produce, with the assistance of the Karl Marx Club, the well-known skit, "The Red Scouts," at "Folkets Hus" [The People's House--The People's Auditorium] next Saturday.

It has been announced that they will produce mostly revolutionary plays.

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Scandia, Mar. 23, 1918.

THE NORWEGIAN CLUB

Madame Borgny Hammer and Rolf Hammer played the leads in Ibsen's "The Master Builder," produced last night by the Norwegian Club's Theater.

The Hammers were, as usual, outstanding in their presentation. They are without a doubt the only people who can portray Ibsen's characters correctly.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 11, 1917.

IN HONOR OF BJORNSTJERNE BJORNSON

The Singing Society Bjorgvin last Sunday arranged a music and play evening in the hall on Artesian Ave. in memory of Bjornstjerne Bjornson's birthday. The quality of the entertainment was such as to compel admiration.

One important factor was the object of the entertainment, a national poet and author of high rank was remembered. Noteworthy also, is the fact that a little humoresque as "Til Saeters," the play of the evening, is yet capable of entertaining and amusing people when it is presented by people in whom the love of the theme and the love of the memories of the past remain alive. Then returns to us those old pictures which constituted Saeter; marry-crazy girls; school-master "clothed in correct stupidity"; gay students on sight seeing trips. There was nothing pedantic or awkward about the manner of playing. The lively Bergensians were not made to do things stiffly.

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Bernhard Monsen was the schoolmaster, his play was fun, but a great deal more than fun; his schoolmaster became a man, with all the stiff correctness as the situation required.

Aamund as presented by Mr. Klepp had the typical irritating shown faithfulness. Mrs. Nicholaysen as Sigrid was both quick and humorous, and Mrs. -onsen gave Ragnhild sympathetically and naturally. Mr. Eliassen played Halvor; strong, violent, kindhearted and virtuous; his bright voice was appealing. As his grouchy counterpart, Mr. Petersen was very funny. The three college students were good: Hans Sunde as Nordahl was quick and brusque, making a good impression; his unpleasant fellow student, Busk, was presented very ably by Mr. Christensen, and the little role of Steuby was played discreetly by Mortensen.

The public showed its approval of the playing by enthusiastic applause.

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Skandinaven, Dec.11,1917.

It is very evident that within our Norwegian colony we have young people with ample ability to give high class amateur performances and it is well that they should be encouraged.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 9, 1917.

[DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT]

The Dramatic Club Bjorgvin will entertain tonight, giving a second presentation of "Til Saeters" (To the Saeter). This farce received thunderous applause when first presented by Bjorgvin, and one may be quite sure that the audience tonight will enjoy the play no less. In addition to the play, there will be music by Miss Anna Fosterad, singing by the ladies choir "Grieg," and finally dancing. The entertainment begins at 8:00 P.M.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 27, 1914.

THE BJORGVIN SINGING SOCIETY

The Dramatic Club of the Bjorgvin Singing Society recently produced a series of plays that are worthy of mention. "Paa Krigsstien" /On the Warpath/ is one of the most humorous farces ever produced here in Chicago. "En Lille Datter" (Little Daughter) is an excellent farce by Erik Boch. Both of these plays have a great number of songs, hence were appropriate plays for the Society.

Next week the Society will produce "Om Forladelse" (Excuse Me). Everyone of these plays is rather difficult to perform, with their long lines and numerous songs. But the Bjorgvin group did a grand job.

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Revyen, Oct. 11, 1913.

THE NORWEGIAN THEATRE

(Summary)

With its presentation of "Erotic," last Wednesday, the Norwegian Theatre added another victory to its long list of artistic accomplishments.

Wied's humorous, satirical play was perfectly presented, and we are unable to pick out any outstanding actor; they were all outstanding in their respective roles.

There was unity and coordination all along the line, and the audience sat spellbound from beginning to end. It was the most refined and cultural performance that we have ever witnessed.

The beautiful music between the acts added to the enjoyment.



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The performance will be repeated on Sunday October 12, in Bjorgvin Hall for the benefit of the personnel of the Norwegian Theatre, and we urge everybody to see it.



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Scandia, Sept. 27, 1913.

THE THIRD NORWEGIAN THEATER

The third Norwegian Theater has been organized by the Bjorgvin Singing Society. This is as it should be; there will now be some real competition. We know that the two first theaters are good, and the last one may be--better.

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Revyen, Apr. 12, 1913.

THEATRE

Henrik Ibsen's drama "Ghosts" will be presented by the Norwegian Theatre club on April 20 in Bjorgvin's Hall.

Mr. Borgny Hammer will play "Mrs. Alving," and the role of "Osvald" will be played by Mr. Emil Middelfart.



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Scandia, Feb. 10, 1912.

[FESTIVAL HONORING OLE BULL]

Members of the Bjorgvin Male Chorus, with their families and friends, gathered at Bjorgvin Hall on Thursday to honor the world-renowned Norwegian music idol, Ole Bull. Promptly at 9 P. M. the waiters entered with great bowls of the traditional fiske (fish) pudding, to the accompaniment of singing by the Norda Ladies' Chorus and violin and piano music by Mr. and Miss Jaeger. Mr. Jaeger, in harmony with the occasion, wore his newly awarded decoration given by the Norwegian Student Singers Guild, and other awards for musical achievement.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Sigurd Dahl, who spoke knowingly of what Ole Bull had been to Norway and the musical world in general. Surely not one of the gathering left without a fuller knowledge of the great contribution Ole Bull had made to lovers of real music. He voiced his regret that younger generations have not been given the opportunity to learn more of the language, music, and literature of Norway, stressing this loss to be due to an inability

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to understand and speak the Norwegian language. The present generation, outside of a few advanced musicians, know little or nothing of the influence of Ole Bull and his violin.

Mr. Forthun spoke for Norway and, although he said he was a mere amateur as a speaker, he handled his subject like a veteran, revealing an extensive and intimate knowledge of Norway's history, traditions, and culture. He gave a word picture of Norway of today, showing a country small in size but big in advancement and achievement, a country of the future, industrially, culturally, and sociologically.

The Bjorovin Chorus sang several old Norwegian masterpieces, among which "Horne, Norge," and "Naar Tjordene Blaaner," by Chicago's own professor Alfred Paulsen, were easily the most appreciated.

Mr. Ben Blessum spoke irreverently of the song as part and parcel of Norwegian

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life, and what national anthems have meant to various nations. After having heard Mr. Blessun's talk on "Song, the Soul of a Nation," we see this part of our old Norse culture in a clearer and richer light than ever before.

Other speakers included Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. L. Birkedal, Gustav Lricksen, and Alfred Olsen, all of whom spoke of music in various forms. As a special feature of the festival, all speakers, with the exception of Ben Blessun, were from Bjorgvin's own membership. The Ole Bull celebration is to be an annual event at Bjorgvin Hall.

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STRINDBERG FESTIVAL

A festival in honor of the Swedish poet, August Strindberg, was held in the Auditorium Theater, under the auspices of the Swedish National Association.

Half of the net proceeds will be sent to Mr. Strindberg, the remaining half to be used for needy Swedish families.

The play "Gustav Vasa" (by Strindberg) was produced by outstanding Swedish talent.

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August Lindberg played the title role of Gustav Vasa. Augusta Milton portrayed queen Margrethe.....

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 27, 1911.

THE NORWEGIAN THEATER

Rolf Hammer and Mrs. Borgny Hammer, heads of the Norwegian Theater, produced, this past week, Wilhelm Krag's well-known play "Solned Gang" (Sundown) and the jolly operetta "Fritz and Elise" by Offenbach.

It is not generally known that Mr. Hammer, while in Kristiania /Oslo/, played the titled role in "Sundown" under the instruction of the author, Wilhelm Krag. Mr. Hammer played the part this time as usual. He portrayed Adjutant Mork in the most lively fashion--exactly as the old Norwegian army officers would be.

The two plays are short but full of action, and it takes excellent routine to finish the plays inside two hours.

Mrs. Hammer ended the evening with several recitations. Applause was loud

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and stormy when she recited "Hilsen fra Norge" (Regards from Norway) and "Over the Hoje Fjelde" (Over the Mountains High). She also sang the beautiful "May Song" by Niels Collet Vogt.

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Scandia, Aug. 19, 1911.

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HONOR HERMANSEN

Norwegian choruses and theatrical circles are familiar with the name O. Hermansen, and recently on the 40th birthday of Mr. Hermansen, the "Bjorgvin" Chorus and many members of the Norwegian Theatre Society gathered to do him honor. He is one of Chicago's best baritones and has made quite a name for himself in theatricals. Of the fourteen plays put on at the Norwegian Theatre, Hermansen has never missed a performance.

Music - (vocal and instrumental) and dancing constituted the evening's enjoyment, plus the tasty Norwegian lunch and so passed another long to be remembered evening. Our Norwegian colony owes Mr. Hermansen a hearty vote of thanks for his contributions to its pleasure and entertainment and Scandia joins the colony in tendering him such a vote.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 4, 1909.

BJORGVIN PRESENTS PLAY

The Bjorgvin Dramatic Club presented a play last Saturday in Bjorgvin Hall. The play was the humoristic piece by C. P. Riis, "Til Saters" (Mountain Life). The play has been presented several times before, yet so many people sought admission to the presentation that many had to be turned away.

The Bjorgvin Dramatic Club has undergone certain changes in that new actors have joined the Club. Whether these changes will improve the Club cannot be said with any assurance yet. It was noticeable at the performance on Saturday that the actors were nervous and uncertain, though there were some notable exceptions.....

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Mr. Christ Olsen is the director and has succeeded in gathering together quite a group of actors. The Bjorgvin Dramatic Club is able to do better work in



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the humoristic line than the Danish troupers who have offered their wares of late. It is to be hoped that the Club will get up enough energy to present something new soon.



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Skandinaven, July 25, 1907.

AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT

The Norwegian Dramatic Society is giving an entertainment followed by a dance at Bjorgvin's Hall, 876 North Artesian Avenue, on Saturday, July 27, at 8 P. M.

Among those assisting is the actress Miss Frek Folkman of Christiania, and Sigvart Borgen, who will appear in various types of costumes. Abel Erickson will sing from "Ola Grisaker Paa Bytur" (Old Gresaker Goes to Town). In addition there will be recitations, singing, and humorous sketches. Several of the Norwegian societies in Chicago will be represented, and the Glee Club Singing Society will present several numbers. The music will be furnished by Ludwig Haugan.

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Skandinaven, April 5, 1907.

[FINE PERFORMANCE OF PLAY]

The Norwegian Club Dramatic Society gave a very good amateur play in Bjørgvins Hall last Thursday evening. The program opened with music by the Ludwig Haugan Orchestra. A two act play "In the West" was given by Norwegian Students Association of Norway. Male characters portrayed all the roles.

Harry Riio played.....Proprieter Goldberg
M. Christensen.....Olav, daughter of Goldberg
R. Johannesen.....Olav's Governess
Kristian Kork.....Stud-Jur
Landladu.....Madama Bolt.
The play takes place in Stud-Jur Kork's room in Kristiania.

The instructor, Mr. Oscar Anderson deserves great credit for the success of the play. The performance was a brilliant one, having been almost equal to a professional portrayal.

Keep up your good work, boys, the club is a success.



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Skandinaven, March 12, 1907.

["IN THE DEN" WELL PRESENTED]

The Norwegian Dramatic Club received from the students in Christiana, a very popular play entitled "In the Den". The author, a young law student, gave the club the privilege of copying same. It is a comedy of Norwegian student life, where the gay students win the prize for singing "Bacchus and Venus". The play has been presented on April 14, in Bjørgvins Hall.

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Skandinaven, January 18, 1907.

[DRAMATIC CLUB FORMED]

The Norwegian Dramatic Club was founded the 13th of January, 1907, with A. Erickson, president; Alb. Johnson, treasurer; and Gust Palmgren, secretary. Ole Olsen and Victor Carner were elected as directors.

The purpose of this club is to educate the members in dramatics and for the pleasure of the club to present some private and public plays.

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Scandia, Mar. 3, 1900.

THE NORWEGIAN THEATER

The Norwegian Theater presented the excellent drama "Naar De Dode Vaagner" [When the Dead Awake] at Scandia Hall last week. Those who are capable of criticizing (this does not include Skandinaven) all agreed that certain things were lacking, especially in the leading roles. We know that the next performance will be improved, and that the actors can do better. The lines will be better remembered hereafter.

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Scandia, Oct. 28, 1899.

BJORGVIN DRAMATIC CLUB

The Bjorgvin Dramatic Club produced the drama "Between Battles" at its theater last week. The play was a great success, as usual, both professionals and amateurs playing their parts well.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 4, 1919.

[NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCE]

Clara Semb is considered an outstanding authority on the Norwegian folk dance. She and her group have been asked to perform at the All-American Exposition. Her program will be as follows: 1. Song Dans [Song dance]. 2. Spring Dans [Hop dance]. 3. Firtur [A square dance]. 4. Gammel Rhinelaender [Old Rhineland].

Miss Semb has made a name for herself as the outstanding exponent of the folk dance.

Scandia, Sept. 1, 1917.

NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCES

Miss Clara Semb and her brother, Olav and **Harald**, assisted by Miss Helen Dahl, gave a performance of Norwegian folk dances at the Municipal Pier last Tuesday. A large number of soldiers and sailors saw the performance, many of them seeing Scandinavian folk dances for the first time.

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Skandinaven, Aug. 28, 1917.

NORWEGIAN NATIONAL DANCES

An exposition of Norwegian national dancing of unusual interest was given at the Municipal Pier Hall last Friday evening under the auspices of the Drama League.

In spite of the chilly weather the large hall was filled, and the agile and able dancers in their picturesque Norwegian farmer costumes of a former day received vigorous applause. The leader of the exposition, Miss Clara Semb is a student of Hulda Garborg. Miss Semb afterward traveled all over Norway to increase her knowledge about these early dances.

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Scandia, Feb. 10, 1912.

DELTA TAU SIGMA

A socially important and delightful dance was given last evening at the Humboldt Park refectory by the Delta Tau Sigma Sorority, a Greek letter organization of the younger set in the Chicago Norwegian colony. The hall in the refectory was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a cotillion was given that was pronounced the prettiest and most successful ever witnessed by those present.

It was a large and happy throng of dancers that filled the ballroom almost to overflowing. With the young men and women in festal attire, the multi-colored lights, the dulcet strains of the waltz music, it made a brilliant scene, and a fete long to be remembered by the young folk.

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Mr. and Mrs. Odd Meyer [Mr. Meyer is a son of Dr. Meyer] acted as chaperons for the following young women, who were in charge of arrangements:

Margaret Arents, **Birgit** Giaver, Inger Jacobsen, Janet Jacobsen, Alice Krog, Alice Osland, Edna Pihlfeldt, Mary Sanford, Birgit Schulze, Dagmar Stibolt, and Katherine Stibolt.

The young women deserve all the credit in the world for the splendid job they did in arranging the most successful affair held in years.

At this time we have a great number of youngsters attending the University of Chicago.

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THE SKANDINAVIAN SINGERS' PICNIC

The Scandinavian Singers recently held one of the largest picnics they have given in many years.

The picnic was, as usual, held in Riverview Park. The picnic grounds were jammed with festive-spirited Scandinavians.

The American Union of Swedish Singers orchestra played in the bandstand. The Scandinavian Singers is fast becoming the leading chorus here.

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BETWEEN YOU AND ME



Surely it must be regarded as an extraordinary event to enjoy a cruise on Lake Michigan, even a brief one, on board a Norwegian square-rigged sailing ship. It was my good fortune to have that experience on board the Sorlandet the day before that attractive specimen of the shipbuilder's art weighed anchor and started on her return voyage to her home port in Norway.

In preparation for the cruise no visitors were permitted on board after Tuesday evening, July 18. Early the next morning the ship was towed out from her mooring quay at the Exposition, and cast anchor a few cable lengths from where the many thousands had gone on board as visitors during her one month's stay at the Fair. There she rode in the bright sun and in rhythm with the gentle undulations of the blue water, her shining white, slender hull a delight even to the landsman's eye, with her sharp bow and challenging bowsprit pointing seaward, or lakeward, with her tall masts, her broad, perfectly balanced yards, and her impressive rigging with its bewildering maze of

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rope and tackle.

To be sure, it was a real sailing ship from Norway, an honest-to-goodness square rigger, without auxiliary power, the first that has ever plowed the waters of Lake Michigan, and it may possibly be the last. The days of the sailing ship, so far as the merchant marine is concerned, are past. We are in the machine age, even on the high seas. On board the Sorlandet we are suddenly transported back to the romantic days of the white sails and the hand-driven capstan with its story-book tradition of "Sing sailor, ho."

From the foretop, as international law prescribes, fluttered the Stars and Stripes, and from the gaff flew Norway's tricolor proudly in the hot southwest breeze. It was a perfect day for such a cruise. Although the wind was hot, it was nevertheless refreshing after the many days of blazing heat.

Only a few invited guests, about eighteen or twenty I should say, exclusively men (including as a matter of course the omnipresent "gentlemen of the press"),

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had the rare privilege to be on board. On the trip out to the ship I had the pleasant company of my friends, Dr. Suerre Nannestad, Christian Olsen and Arne Williamson, of the Norwegian-American Line. At the Michigan Boulevard bridge we boarded a speedy "Dodge" motorboat of spacious size, with a man at the wheel who knew his business. Thus we had a fine boat trip over the waters of the harbor; on the way, we made a stop at the Aquarium to let off two women passengers who had occupied the seats farthest aft and who seemed glad to escape further wetting from the spray that dashed over the boat aft. We arrived alongside the ship in less than thirty minutes.

Soon captain Brunvik arrived from the Exposition in the ship's launch, accompanied by Captain Masnus Anderson, Olaf Bernts, and the additional guests, including of course the two "big shots" of the reception committee, Captain Sinding, and Colonel Siqueland. They came from the Administration Building, where President Dawes and the Fair authorities had given the Sorlandet's master a farewell luncheon.

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On board, there was disciplined activity from stem to stern. The officers and cadets were all at their posts, awaiting orders. At about 3 p. m. anchor was a'weigh and a tug hauled us out to sea. From the bridge on the poop deck the captain called his orders through a megaphone. The orders came thick and fast; "Man fore tops'l sheets," "Heave away", "Belay," etc., in real windjammer style. What an experience!

The orders that came in rapid succession were relayed to the second and third mates, who were in charge, one of the starboard watch, the other of the port watch. The bos'n's whistle sounded. Two cadets at the wheel. Every man jumping at the order. They certainly knew their jobs.

To the landlubbers on board, it was a thrilling sight to see the more than a score of cadets sprint aloft with the agility of cats, as surefooted and strong-armed as experienced sailors before the mast. Inside of twenty minutes, the magnificent craft was under sail, with every inch of canvass bulging willingly to the force of the southwest wind. The tow-lines from the tug boat

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were cast off and the ship shot forward under her own canvas. She soon attained a speed of eight knots. The discipline, the maneuvering, and the seamanship displayed were what everyone expected of such sailors. Former seamen among the guests said the seamanship, even of the young cadets, was superb.

The sharp bow cleaved the water like a huge knife, forming a fanlike spread of white-capped waves. Yes, the good ship now had a bone in her teeth. Over the aft rail we heard the swish and swirl of the ship's turbulent wake. Yes, she was going, that is sure, and she made every task quickly in response to her helm and the skillful maneuvering of her officers.

Let us look around and see what's going on. Here is Consul Bernts, bareheaded, dignified, smiling with obvious enjoyment. He is dressed in fluffy summer attire and carries a cane. He praises the work of the crew. Well, he should. As consul of Norway he feels the responsibility of his position; it is through him that the ship's clearance papers are issued. I ask you, why shouldn't he



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be here on such an occasion?

Most of us prefer the spaciousness of the poop deck. There are brass rails and other solid objects to cling to, as the ship heaves to the force of the sea. Well, there is Doctor Nannestad leaning lazily against the port rail. His look of supreme contentment bespeaks the state of his mind. His experienced weather eye scans the rigging and the full-bellied sails. Why not? He is the son of a Norwegian skipper, and the tradition of the sea is still strong in him.

Over there against the starboard rail stand, like Damon and Pythias, George Thoresen and Irwin Larsen, the faces of both wreathed in smiles that never seem to wear off.

"How about a drink of lemonade, George?"

"All right," says George, "where will we go?"



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Down His Majesty's companionway we squeeze our none too slender bodies--one at a time, thank you--and find ourselves in the captain's delightful retreat. George and I refreshed ourselves with liquid refreshment in the form of a sun-kissed product.

A sudden lurch to star-board quickly brings us back to the poop deck. Well, listen, if it isn't Reidar Rye Haugan! He can't be seen, but he can be heard. He prefers to be down on the main deck, forward among the crew. Listen, there he is!

"Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, he, he, he, he-e-e-e-."

There is Colonel Siqueland in earnest conversation with two strangers, evidently Americans of fabulous wealth. I think the colonel is telling them of his training ship days when, at the age of fourteen, he had charge of the "Royal". The topic suits the occasion. I made a bet with Dr. Nannestad that the Colonel will not introduce us to his friends. We gave the colonel plenty of rope, as

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the saying is on board ship. I won the bet.

Here is the City News Bureau reporter. Joyfully, he tells me Sinding and Siqueland have given him "the dope". He showed me all the names he had thus easily garnered on his note tab. The names he had were all misspelled. Several were missing altogether. How was that? Some names are not important, you know, oh, well, what's the difference? I corrected the spelling for him and told him he had "dope" enough. Just then the American photographer butted in with a serious proposition:

"I want a picture of Consul Bernts and Captain Anderson saying good-by to Captain Brunsuik."

The group was arranged. Now see what happens. The photographer arranges that the three clasp hands simultaneously. That doesn't suit Captain Brunsuik. He is indignant and walks away.



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"You fellows do so many funny things," he says to the startled photographer.

"Three men shaking hands at once is ridiculous", somebody says, in support of the captain.

The problem is solved by having Consul Bernts and the captain shake hands. Later the whole company was "filmed", of course, some more and some less. Aboard ship the difference in rank, even among visitors, is easily determined by those who know.

The ship is plowing through the water beautifully and at a good clip. I go down on the main deck where I find Captain Sinding giving orders to the News Bureau reporter, Captain Anderson is close behind me. At the companionway to B deck I meet the cheerful Leif Buch, the vice-consul.

"I have been below to see the boys eat ice cream", he says. "You ought to see them eat".

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"Ice cream?" asks Captain Anderson. In his voice there is a trace of disgust. "Is that anything to look at? No, we want something else. Come, let's go to the captain's cabin."

Quickly the word is passed around, and soon the entire company is seated around the captain's festive table. Coffee, aquevit, cake, and cigars and **cigarettes** from Norway are consumed in vast quantities. Dr. Boreson, eagerly seconded by many others, gives high praise to Miss Borghild Reinskau's layer cake. But look, gentlemen, here comes the steward with "Pilsener" from Krisiansand's brewery. Captain Anderson (and others) give grunts of keen satisfaction.

Suddenly the ship lurches heavily. Cups, filled glasses and bottles rattle over in perfect rhythm with the ship's motion. Anderson and I get the worst of the mess: the captain lost the amber contents of his glass and bottle; my port leg was entirely awash. The steward and the sunshine on deck soon removed all traces of the squall.

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As usual for a man of distinguished appearance. Colonel Siqueland makes an impression. In words carefully selected for obviousness of meaning, he presents the ship with an artistically bound guest book (applause). Both he and Captain Anderson ask me to write an introduction. What shall I do? Well, reluctantly, by which I imply modesty, I accept the honor and retire to perform my duty as a "committee of one" molder of facile phrases. The job is done, and, to my surprise, approved without change. Now, everybody signs his name to the new book under the introduction which doubtless will "reverberate down the corridors of time".

Not to be outdone, Dr. Nannestad now gets in, his fancy work.

"Captain", he says, "here is a box full of toothpaste--about one hundred tubes. I hope its enough for everybody on the return trip. I got it for you from the Pepsodent Company."



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"Thanks," says the captain. "If we stayed here longer, I believe you people would give us everything".

What more is there to relate? Yes, high up on the quarter-deck stands Captain Sinding, his round, jolly face smiling; he scans wistfully the blue waters of the lake and the city shore line. In my mind's eye I can see him standing thus on the bridge of his ship when he plowed the Pacific in the China trade for Fred Olsen. Sinding is still "the captain". He has never lost the brusque manner of a sailor.

The historic cruise is at an end. The sails are furled and gently this proud full-rigger slips by the light on the breakwater and eases up to her moorings a few cable lengths from the U. S. Coast Guard station at the mouth of the river. It has been a wonderful cruise, a memorable day. We leave this beautiful ship and her gallant officers and charming cadets with a feeling of keen regret. They are Norwegians all.



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Between you and me, Captain Brunsuik has tears in his eyes as he bids us good-by. There were moist eyes among the guests also. The captain accompanied us ashore in the ship's launch. As the boat started off from the ladder we gave the ship's crew a rousing cheer. Along the port rail stand the officers and cadets waving a last farewell. They answer with a cheer equally lusty.

From the gaff, in the mild evening breeze, waves in equally friendly fashion, the red, white and blue of Old Norway.

We all became strangely quiet, standing on shore, there in the dusk. We dream of that home we left, long long ago, memories crowd our minds, we know that, though we are Americans, we are also Norwegians.

Chicago Norske Klub, 40th Anniversary,
Jan. 1930 1890 to 1930.

Greetings to members, ladies and friends on this day, the celebration of our club's 40th anniversary. There are many pleasant reflections that we can picture of these forty years, happy memories of festivals association among old friends and unselfish labors for the cause of our club. Through four decades of loyal and devoted efforts on the part of its membership the "Chicago Norske Klub" enjoys a position which possibly is unequalled by any Norwegian social club outside of Norway. The wide scope of interests which the club embraces, including theatrical plays, lectures art exhibits, receptions for distinguished visitors, as well as the clubs own social functions, membership meetings and every day associations, are the elements which have contributed to the clubs progress during the years. We look forward with great hopes for the future to further progress in our endeavors and continued fraternal spirit among the members. The Chicago Norske Club was founded through the consolidation of "Den-Norske-Kvartet Klub" and "Den Norske Klub, Chicago". The Norske-Kvartet Klub" was founded January 10, 1890 under the name, "Skandinauiske-Kvartetklub in Chicago." This name was changed in 1897. The 40th Anniversary which we celebrate this year is based on the date from 1890. "Den Norske Klub" was organized March 1, 1905, and the consolidation of the two clubs took place June 21, 1911. On

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the occasion of the dedication of our present clubhouse in July, 1917, a very interesting book was published, giving a historical sketch of the two former clubs and of the consolidated club up to that time. A short review from this book on this day may be of interest.... The club was invited by Norway's Commissioner General of the World's Fair 1893 to be the chorus on the official ship receiving the Viking Ship as it sailed in to Chicago on its voyage from Norway. At the banquet given at the Auditorium Hotel in honor of Dr. Fridtjof Nausen in 1897, the official musical program was rendered by the club and in receiving the visiting student choirs from Sweden (1904) Norway (1905) Denmark (1911) the club also took active parts The official paper Blad Lue was a masterpiece of humor and satire and was read at the weekly meetings.

The dramatic society of the club was formed in 1919 and of the first productions was a "shock" and one a "monster". The dramatic society has produced about thirty plays since it was founded, and a number of lectures a singing society formed in 1924 has enlivened many of our occasions.... A Debating Society was formed in 1922, the Society succumbed in its infancy. The moral to be drawn is speak easy. The club had successful exhibits, display of valuable paintings and works of sculpture

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of our Norwegian American artists.....

Distinguished guests who have visited our club is "Dr. Fritzof Nausen" and "Rould Amundsen", likewise John Bajer in 1922. The club also was headquarters for the Norwegian Students chorus on their visit to Chicago in 1925, and the reception - soiree given on this occasion was attended by over two hundred persons. The club also was headquarters for two conventions at Norwegian-American Engineers and Architects in 1917 and 1927. On this fortieth anniversary let us be resolved to carry on the traditions of our club, and let history of the past forty years be our inspiration for continued efforts to further the objects of the club.

"CHICAGO NORSKE KLUB - PRESIDENTS.

Wm. Gerner
Jaachim G. Giaver
A. Hummeland
M. Kirkeley
B. Osland
C. F. Arnet

T. A. Sigueland
Thos. G. Pihljuldt
J. W. Sinding
H. Winther Busch
Andrew Nesheim
I. H. Faleida

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THE NORSEMAN'S SINGING SOCIETY

The great annual Sangemarked [song festival] given recently by the Norsemen's Singing Society at Dania Hall, drew an overflow crowd, that jammed the great clubhouse at 1651 North Kedzie Avenue. This year, the affair was in the form of an old fashioned cabaret. The hall was decorated to represent the cabaret "Den Rode Lygte" [The Red Lantern.]

The affair lasted three days, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon and evening.

The program was as follows:

Friday

1. March, Norsemen's Singing Society's Orchestra, "Jask Ass", Director.

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2. Solo by Lundstrom.
3. First Appearance of the Singing Society "Kighosten" [Whooping Cough] from "Cold Dale". Dreyfus Axelius Snossle, Director.
4. Dance, by the Dance Team "Dixie".
5. Guest artist, Lilian Johnson.
6. The Sensational "Long Tom," Worlds Tallest Singer.

Saturday

1. **March**, N. S. Symphony Orchestra, "Jask Ass", Director.
2. Nils "Tuterud", Singer.

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3. Worlds Smallest Singers: The **Mouse**, The Mosquito, The Gnat, and The Microbe.
4. The Cabaret Singer, "Suseladen".
5. Second Appearance of the Singing Society "Whooping Cough". D. A. Snossle, Director.

Sunday Afternoon

1. Coffee Concert, The Norsemen's Singing Society. Knut Hansen, director.
2. Soprano Solo, by Alfild Queber.
3. Basso Solo, by Sigvald Thureson.
4. Lillian and Catherine Haraldson, Piano and Violin.

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5. The Worlds Tallest Singer, "Long Tom."

6. The Worlds Shortest Singers.

Sunday Evening

1. March, Symphony Orchestra, **"Task Ass", Director.**

2. Solo by Lundstrom.

3. The Shortest Singers in the World.

4. Solo, Gloria Med Svandsen [Gloria with the "Swantz"].

5. **Cabaret** Songs, by Suseladden.

6. The last appearance, in this world, of the Singing Society "Whooping

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7. Sailor's Song, by Vise Knut [Knut Hansen].
8. Last appearance of "Sleiven".
9. Last appearance in Chicago of "Long Tom", Worlds tallest singer.

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Scandia, Aug. 14, 1926.

A GREATER LEIF ERICSON FESTIVAL

In Chicago we have a great Scandinavian population, made up of four, or rather five, different nations, each of which in its own way contributes to the material and spiritual welfare of its own people. Each has its own clubs, churches, and musical organizations, and strives to maintain the beautiful and characteristic culture of the homeland in the land of its adoption. Wonderful things have been accomplished by each individual people within its own limited sphere. But never as yet have these people, who have so much in common, combined their abundant geniuses and talents so as to obtain still greater results, results which are possible only by the merging of common interests and thereby producing an effect and influence for good.

We now have before us a celebration--the Leif Ericson Festival--which, if I am not mistaken, was proposed by the Norwegian National League. The celebration promises to grow into an event of tremendous importance to all the Scandinavian people alike, surpassing, perhaps all dreams of its own instigators. And this

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IV could be assured if we could but understand the significance of this event and properly direct it along the lines productive of the most beneficial results to all our people alike.

If we reflect upon the ways and means whereby this can be obtained, it strikes me that one way would be to use this event as a demonstration--not only to our own people but also to the people of our adopted country--of the great creative and conquering spirit of an indomitable race that crossed the turbulent and inaccessible waters to discover the continent of America long before any other nation. We can thereby demonstrate conclusively to the world that here are a people that must be reasoned with, and who have within themselves a spirit destined for wonderful achievements.

In what better way, if I may ask, could a historic event of this kind be celebrated than by merging our interests in a common desire to bring before our people and the people of our adopted country the great achievements we attain as a whole from year to year--achievements in science, inventions, literature,

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IV music, and the arts, and the advance we make, socially and politically?

Think of the tremendous influence for good, and what incentive for action such a celebration would have! It should be a celebration of not only one day, but a whole week, in which lectures, art exhibits, symphony and choral concerts, national games, athletics, and sportmanship should follow one another; in fact, a celebration in which our people will revel in delight and enjoyment at the beauties of the conquering spirit of our race. That, to my mind, would be a celebration that would leave its mark upon the world; it would be an achievement worthy and commensurate with our people.

To the attainment of this, it is to be hoped that the "grand old man" of the Norwegian colony, Mr. Christian Olsen, will devote the balance of his days to achieve. It would be a greater monument to his memory than that wrought in stone or gold. Let us carry on this idea to complete fulfillment.

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MY OPINION

Editor of Scandia

Dear Sir: I have been asked so often and by so many different people to answer the criticism made in regard to the Norwegian booth at the Women's World's Fair that, although I feel that the whole matter is simply a "tempest in a teapot," and really not worth taking notice of, yet an explanation might correct some of the factors which seem to have been the cause of all this discussion.

First of all, I wish to explain the Norwegian Women's Federation's part in the affair. About three months before the Fair opened, one of the business promoters called on me, asking that the Norwegian women take part. Knowing that it would cost our women at least \$275 for a space measuring about ten feet square which would mean nothing as a display space, and also knowing from last year's Fair that it was mostly a commercialized enterprise, I told the repre-

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sentative that the Norwegian women had nothing to sell and that we could not afford to pay that amount of money to exhibit. It would also entail a great deal of work. I thought that this would end the proposal made to us, but about three weeks before the Fair opened we were again invited to take part, this time without cost to our Federation. Some man had generously donated the booth.

Even then I, personally, was not keen on taking a part, but it went to a vote of our members and the majority voted that we be represented. Mrs. Sandberg was put in charge of the work. We were told by the Fair committee that they wanted women's work of all kinds, ancient and modern. The members of the Norwegian Club exhibit committee were already in full swing, and no one deplored the fact that the two exhibits came at the same time more than they. In fact, I was called up and asked if it would in any way interfere with our exhibit at the Women's World's Fair, and I told them decidedly not, as our booth would be an exhibit of women's work only. Mrs. Carl Sandberg, in the short time at her disposal, did excellent work, and I still insist that the Norwegian booth

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was one of the most interesting and instructive booths at the Fair. We never attempted to make it the most beautiful, for to make an eight by ten space--with white-washed half-walls shaped exactly like a horse stall--look beautiful is impossible. But we had on exhibit the most exquisite knitted and crocheted laces over fifty years old, colored embroideries in silks and woolens, and beaded work, some of it a hundred years old. We had beautiful carvings done by women, white needlework of every description which no store in Chicago can duplicate; wonderful hardanger work, and all kinds of genuine woven Okle. We also had a hand loom with one of our members demonstrating its use and operation. We had hand-woven linens of a hundred years ago, and hand-woven linens of recent fabrication. We had the most beautiful handmade lace in point and Valenciennes patterns made by the Salvation Army women in Norway, and we had embroidered linens made by the girls in the Land-sfengsel [federal prison] at Oslo. We also had regulation handmade Norwegian sweaters and mittens that we could have sold by the dozens. We even had every description of homemade buckles, and best of all we had our typically splendid intelligent women in that booth--women who could tell the history of every piece

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of work there, and who had audiences constantly admiring Norway's wonderful handwork, both of the past and the present.

The artist, Emma Gordon, who received the sympathy of Miss Aslau Berger, is too broad-minded a woman to need sympathy; in fact, she hung her pictures herself, certainly not to great advantage for herself, but she did the best that could be done under the circumstances. Surely the background of the beautiful Okle was better than if they had swung in the open spaces, for we had no walls; and I want to say right now that I wish we had more of the sweet, kind characters that Miss Gordon is. If so, then we would never have had this controversy. Unknown to most of us, she came and offered her services, and not only that, but she stayed with us and relieved the women when they were tired; not one day, but every day, and she deserves our gratitude.

I cannot understand Miss Berger's assertion that jealousy stalks among the Norwegian people, or that it is typical that we in the Norwegian colony cannot work together. If such is the case, then I have been blind to these facts.

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If the Norwegian people were not typically patriotic and self-sacrificing for all that is worth while, then we would never have had the old people's homes and the children's homes, the churches, the hundreds of different societies, the singers, and the athletes. It is work, real work hand in hand, and it is your heart in it that makes all these things possible. We naturally have a few snobs among the Norwegians like all other nationalities, but we don't take them seriously. We only pity them for what they miss of the real work, real co-operation, and real harmony.

How would such Seventeenth of May and Leif Ericson and Singing Festivals be possible if we were not working in harmony? Life throughout is a give and take proposition. If we give nothing, we generally receive nothing. Miss Berger also takes occasion to blame the Norwegians (I take it for granted she means the women) for the program. She says their part in it was poor because our numbers were too small. The fact is that we were only allowed eight girls to take part, and these we had; they really were, even if it is hard for

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our critics to believe, given credit for being the best in the line.

The Grieg Singing Society is next attacked. Let me say that first of all it was the American committee that arranged with Grieg to sing. I did not hear them, but I was told they sang well, and that fact seems substantiated since I have had several requests for their address. That the art of song was saved by Mrs. Hammer Moeller is farfetched when Miss Berger says that the lady is the only Norwegian soloist in the city. I could name several. It is true that the Norwegian women had nothing to do with the program, but it did not necessarily mean that the Americans discovered Mrs. Hammer Moeller, because I know they did not. I am not a competent critic, so I will say nothing of the singer except that I think she sang entirely too long.

Then the Dansarring (Dance Ring) comes in for its share next. Miss Berger says that it was Bedaarende (beautiful, touching). Mrs. Hakstad says it was not. Considering the fact that the American Women's Committee had called our Vice-Consul Wendelboe at the last moment and asked for a dance exhibit, I think

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they did splendidly. Their teacher, Mr. Harald Semb, has been away since before Christmas. I will agree that the Evanston dancers are fine, but we should not be blamed because they were not invited.

If both these ladies will think back, they will remember that it was the Evanston Dansarring that entertained us so splendidly at the Federation Christmas party, but my feelings were not a bit hurt even though two of my own daughters belonged to the Norwegian Club Dansarring. And now to finish, I hope that I may be allowed to offer just a little criticism of my own.

I feel that Miss Berger's criticism was very broad on all subjects, but I do not believe that anyone should take the opportunity to rush into the public press with an open criticism of something they did not hear or see. I am told that Miss Berger was not in the hall the evening the Norwegian Club Dansarring and Mrs. Hammer Moeller were on the program. If it is a fact that Miss Berger was in Evanston at the time they performed and so neither saw nor heard either one of them, not even over the radio, how is she competent to judge?

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I would not like to have Miss Berger criticize me if she only does it from hearsay, for some serious mistakes can be made that way. It is not leaders we need--those are easily obtained, and Miss Berger herself seems to have constituted herself as one of them--it is wide-awake, broad-minded people we need, people who are just and can think and speak for themselves. Abuse is the easiest thing in the world to give. Not leaders, but co-workers is what we need. When you have been in the work as long as we have, Miss Berger, then you will have learned to give and take and smile through it all. You say the Polish and Hungarians made a better impression on Americans than the Norwegians. I do not agree with you; you are young and have not been with us on all other occasions of foreign exhibits and endeavors.

I might say for your enlightenment that it was the Norwegian women who stood at the top of the list in the Red Cross work through the war period. It was the Norwegians who were ahead in the Liberty Loan drive. It was the Norwegians who stood at the top in the All-American Exposition, in exhibits and athletics, in cooking, and attendance. In the races with other nations we are not, as

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you say, behind. There is not a race in America that is more honored and respected than the Norwegian. There is not a nation, barring none, who has given so much to American industry, American culture, American arts, crafts and handiwork, and America has told us so very often; and I assert and dare anyone to dispute it that we Norwegians can hold our heads as high as any race who helps to make America what she is today.

A little more teamwork we may need once in a while, but I am glad I am among those who are willing to give of themselves all that they can, and to give credit to those who are doing the same. I am looking forward to having Miss Berger among our most active helpers.

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ARISE, NORSEMAN!

II B 1 a (Danish)

Today the Norsemen in Chicago celebrated an event that means much to them--the discovery of America by Leif Ericson. There were about forty organizations represented in the parade, which was one of the finest ever seen among the Scandinavian groups.

Many people do not know that there are eight Norwegian boat clubs in Chicago. What a show they made on the lake front! It was worth seeing.

The parade was, as stated, not only big but picturesque. The line-up was as follows:

1. Police Escort.
2. Bands (three).
3. Athletic Association Float, followed by the following Athletic Societies:

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(a) Turners; (b) Ski Club; (c) Sleipner;

(d) Nordlaendingen, with their own float.

4. Music, followed by Group Societies: Nordlyset,
Norfaelles, Kristianialaget, Nordmollelaget.

5. Band.

6. Representative Citizens.

7. The Knights of the White Cross.

(a) Synnove and Aftesterner; (b) Float; (c) Nora Lodge;

(d) Leif Ericson; (e) Fordensksold; (f) Dovre.

8. Band.

9. Sons and Daughters of Norway:

(a) Float; (b) Camilla Collet Drill Team; (c) Camilla
Collet Lodge;

(d) Anna Kolbjornsdatter Drill Team; (e) Oselio Singing
Society; (f) Anna Kolbjornsdatter Lodge; (g) Freydis;

(h) Glommen; (i) Nornen; (j) Bjornstjerne Bjorson Float;

(k) Bjornstjerne Bjornsen Lodge; (l) Progress Lodge.

10. Band.

11. Singers:

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(a) Grieg Singing Society; (b) Swedish Singers
(four societies); (c) Danish Singers (six societies);
(d) The Norwegian Singers' League; The Norsemen's

Singing Society; the Norwegian Glee Club; The Singing Society Bjorgvim.

12. (a) Eikunsund; (b) Visitors.

13. Automobiles:

(a) Float. (b) Scandia Lodge. (c) Norwegian Literary Society.
(d) Private autos--fifty of them.

The concert at the Municipal Pier in the evening was well attended; the program was as follows:

"Sigurd Jorsalfar".Grieg.

Orchestra with Emil Bjorn, Director.

"America".Tully.

"Norwegian National Hymn".Nordraak.

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Grand Chorus and Orchestra

Welcome, by Alfred O. Erickson,
President, Norwegian National League.

"Norwegian Dances".Grieg.
Orchestra

"Bon For Danmark" (Prayer for Denmark)
"Aftenen" (Evening).
Danish Chorus Harmonien, with
Joel Mossberg, Director

"Singers' Greeting".Grieg
"Olaf Trygvarson".Reissiger
Grand Chorus, with Emil Bjorn, Director.

Address by Professor Chester Gould.

"Norge Mit Norge" (Norway, My Norway). Alf. Paulsen

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"The Cuckoo".Fittig

Grieg and Ogelio Singing Societies, with
Mrs. Signe Huseby, Director.

Triumphal March.

Orchestra

"De Svenske" (The Swedes).Korling

"Sveriges Flagga"(Sweden's Flag).Altver

Swedish Chorus, with Just A. Carlson, Director.

"Huldre Klokkelat" and "Spring Dance" from "Norwegian Suite". . . .

Orchestra

"Defending My Country".Tischendorf

"The Blue Fjords".Afred Paulsen (Dane)

Norwegian Chorus, with
Emil Bjorn, Director

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IV "Land Fall". Grieg

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"The Star Spangled Banner".

Grand Chrous and Orchestra

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Scandia, Sept. 6, 1924.

THE STAVANGERLAG

The "Stavangerlag" held its yearly festival last Sunday at Atlas Park.

The program for the day consisted of speeches, music, and song.

It was estimated that every Norwegian in Chicago born in Stavanger Amt (Stavanger County), Norway, attended the festival. The proceeds will be donated to the building fund of the Norwegian Old Peoples Home.

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Scandia, Aug. 9, 1924.

KRISTIANIALAGET

Kristianialaget (The Christiania Clan) celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Christiania with a festival at the Logan Square Masonic Temple, last Sunday.

[Translator's note: The "Kristianialaget" is a society formed of people who were born in Christiania. There is also a "Bergenslag" (Norwegians from Bergen). Nearly every city and many counties have their "Lag". Nordman's Laget with the motto "Nordmaen Fra Norge" (Norwegians from Norway) is the national "Lag".]

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Scandia, Aug. 7, 1924.

LEIF ERICSON FESTIVAL

The Norwegian National League held a festival last Saturday in honor of Leif Ericson. The festivities began at the "Viking Ship" in Lincoln Park, and ended later in the day at the Municipal Pier Auditorium.

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Scandia, Sept. 29, 1923.

KRISTIANIALAGET



Kristianialaget [The Christiania Clan] gave a novel entertainment last week at Dania Hall. They put on an old-fashioned Christiania Market. It was on the order of our fairs. They portrayed Youngtorvet [A market in Christiania] Mollegaden No. 19, [Moller Street No. 19] Snip-Moller [a historic section of old Christiania] and also portrayed such curious characters as Frendens Engel [The Angel of Peace] and Anna Brandfeld. They also portrayed the police, various criminals and peasants who always attended these markets.

They were assisted by the following artists of the Norwegian stage: Ebba Frederiksen, Violinist; Kathleen Norris, Piano; Madame C. Clepp [Christina]; Otto Clausen, Baritone; The Norsemen's Singing Society, Marie Hoyng's Child Dancers and Signor Dahl, professional magician.

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A separate stage was set up, Dovre Hallen, where the following artists appeared; Sigrid Bergstrom Peterson, Hedvis Johnson, Betzy Lomo, Oscar E. Franck, Bjarne Trogstad, Harald Semb and the Kristianialag Orchestra, with Theodor Lovstad, directing.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 6, 1920.

[FALL FESTIVAL]

The Norsemen's Singing Society sponsored a fall festival last Sunday in Atlas Park, 5025 North Crawford Avenue. The Oselio Singing Society, the Bjorgvin Singing Society, the Norwegian Glee Club, and the Norsemen's Singing Society participated with group singing and individual numbers. The Northwestern Band played throughout the day. The main speaker was Olaf Berntz.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 7, 1918.

THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHICAGO

The Norwegian group celebrated the hundredth anniversary of Chicago at the Auditorium. The program opened with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and continued with the following tableau:

Scene I

1. Prologue.
2. Indian music from Victor Herbert.

Scene II

1. Indian music by Herman Belstedt.
2. "Indian War Dance" from Victor Herbert's "Natoma".

Scene III

1. "Rule Britannia".
2. Old Netherland hymn, church choral.
3. Old French country dance.

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Scene IV

1. Indian music from Victor Herbert's "Natoma".

Scene V

1. Illinois becomes a state; "Spring Dance" by Grieg.
2. "Illinois".

Scene VI

1. "Marseillaise".
2. "La Vivandiere".
3. "Minuet" by Boccherino.
4. Virginia Reel, concluded by "Yankee Doodle".
5. Intermission; pastorelle from Rossini's "Guillaume Tell".

Scene VII

1. "Harvest Dance" by Grieg.
2. "Hail Columbia".

Scene VIII

1. "Follow the Flag".
2. "We Are Coming Father Abraham" (Civil War song).

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Scene IX

1. Chicago Fire dance.

Scene X

1. "World's Fair March" by Sousa.

Scene XI

1. "Song of the Civil War" by Godell.
2. "Hands across the Sea" and "Over There".

Scene XII

1. "Angel Chorus" from "Elijah".
2. "Song of Abundance".
3. "Stars and Stripes Forever" by Sousa.
4. "Pledge to Columbia".
5. "America".

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Skandinaven, Dec. 9, 1917.

HOME FOR THE AGED - BAZAAR

Friday evening the bazaar for the Home for the Aged in Schoenhofen's Hall was concluded. Last evening was the Wicker Park Branch evening and the income was larger than that of any earlier day, \$1,290.00. The total for the week was \$3,328.00, a very good result.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 6, 1917.

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At the Humboldt Park Branch the bazaar for the Home for Aged last Monday made a profit of \$562.00. Tonight a bazaar is held at the Logan Square Branch.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 21, 1917.

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[HOLDS MEETING]

. The Norwegian Women's Sick Relief Association held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday evening.

The meeting was well attended, and many gifts were announced for the Bazaar to be held on October 29.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 8, 1917.

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[BAZAAR]

Norwegian Women's Sick Benefit and Aid Society will
hold a bazaar Monday afternoon and evening October 29.

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[PLAN HARVEST SOCIAL]

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I. O. G. T. Lodge Tordenskjold will hold a great Harvest Social at 2404 North Avenue, on September 29. Everybody welcome. Fridthjof Werenskjold will speak.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 18, 1917.

THE GARDEN SOCIAL

The mere Earth-people visit the Fairies at Dickinson Park.

And of course, the garden social given by the Norwegian Women's Federation last Friday evening proved a success. It is to be suspected the Mrs. Sundry-Hansen, from whom came the initiative for the social, must be in alliance with all the good powers; and the Red Cross work of the Norwegian Women's Federation must be highly pleasing to these powers for they lent great help.

All of September, this year, has been cold and stormy, and scoffers started giving advice that the Fairies would need to appear in fur coats and high boots - and then, on the evening of the social, the mildest and most beautiful weather prevailed, and the Fairies danced in their filmy garments,

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everything being as if ordered. Those who were present at the social will not forget Dickinson Park very soon. People coming to the social by auto or by street-car did not need to ask their way to the fete. Even from afar the multi-colored lanterns in the garden sent their gay invitation to the enchanted garden into the midst of the gloom of the night.

The people came - by the hundreds and thousands - expecting much and finding more. A little while for orientation, and they would find acquaintances and friends among the multitude. Many went about carrying lanterns - it seemed as if the garden were peopled with lights dancing about. Then came the music and the dances of the Fairies, dances transplanted from the woods of Norway to the parks of America. There were various Norwegian national dances too, all to the great delight of the guests. Later there were speeches about the Red Cross work of the Norwegian Women's Federation. Finally the garden social was over, an event not soon to be forgotten.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 11, 1917.

SEVEN YEARS JUBILEE

Lodge Camilla Collett of Daughters of Norway last Monday celebrated the date of its origin. Seven years ago when the lodge started its activity, there were just a few members. It has now become a large society, and has been very active during the years. The social was good evidence of the vitality of the lodge, and the spirit of friendliness and progress prevailing.

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Skandinaven, Aug. 16, 1917.

LAWN SOCIAL

The annual "Lawn Social" for the benefit of the Home Finding Society will be held this coming Saturday, afternoon and evening at the Home, 4840 W. Byron St. The committee on arrangements has been struggling hard to make this social surpass all those held at earlier times, and visitors on Saturday will find everything in first class order.

At present there are about thirty children in the regular residence at the home and, as anyone will realize, it is not easy to provide enough of food and clothing for so many children. Especially in times of high prices, as at present, the task becomes very difficult. But the Norwegian population in Chicago have found ways of keeping this work going at earlier times, and it may be said with confidence that they will not permit the children of the Home to suffer want in the future. Several ministers will speak at Saturday's Festival, and good music has been provided for. The refreshments at these socials have always been of the very best kind, so that those who are coming to the arrangement on Saturday may confidently expect to get great value for the slight amount of money required of them.

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Skandinaven, July 30, 1917.

THE SCANDINAVIAN SONG FESTIVAL

The Third Annual Scandinavian Song Festival yesterday afternoon in Riverview Park was a great success. In spite of the heat, a large crowd had assembled - more than 8,000 - to listen to the tonal offerings. The united chorus consisted of four Norwegian singing societies, four Danish and seven Swedish. The result was a chorus of 500 voices.

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Skandinaven, July 15, 1917.

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NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

The Nurses' Graduation Festival was very attractive.

The graduation exercises were conducted at the cozy little Humboldt Park Church at the corner of California Avenue and Le Moyne Street, and has been placed at the hospital's disposal.

A varied musical program was carried out, and speeches were made emphasizing the broader sphere of women in modern life, together with the fact that in the care of the ill and in the work for prevention of illness women's participation is of special value.

Afterwards the president of the hospital distributed the diplomas to the graduates, all of whom were from Chicago.

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THE SCANDINAVIAN SONG FESTIVALS

The committee is now making preparations for the third annual meet at Riverview Park.....The endeavor to bring Scandinavian singers closer together is steadily progressing. Approaches have now been made to the American-Scandinavian Foundation, which has promised to give support to the movement, since it is considered a link in the cultural progress of the Scandinavian people in this country. It seems possible that the committee may receive financial support from the foundation not in the form of direct monetary contributions, but a guarantee to cover possible deficits. Such guarantee would give new impetus to the work of co-operation among the singing associations of the Scandinavian nationalities.

The librarian of the University of Chicago, James C. M. Hanson has made the following movement and is of interest with reference to the song festival to be held: "Many American music societies have undertaken of late to take up the music



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of Grieg, Gade, and other Scandinavian composers. Although in command, as a rule, of excellent music material, the results have not been quite "of grade." The execution has seemed feeble and monotonous in comparison with the presentations of the Scandinavian singers. Where understanding and execution of genuine Nordic music is concerned, we shall probably, in the future as in the past, have to depend upon Americans of Scandinavian descent.

Unfortunately, our Scandinavian singing societies consist almost exclusively of men whose economic position does not make it possible for them to devote much of their time or means to music. For this reason it would be very desirable if some man of wealth could be prevailed upon to take the matter in hand. Through a legacy or fund for the purpose of promoting and preserving the best in Nordic music, "the giver could add greatly to cultural service".

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THE NORWEGIAN BUILDING

An appeal came to us some time ago to assist in the erection of a Norwegian building at the San Francisco Exposition. At first it appeared to us that we were not particularly concerned with this matter, but further consideration showed the situation to be as follows:

The Swedes, Danes, and nearly all other small as well as great nations, have erected buildings at the Fair and have made provisions for the reception of their people at the Exposition, but the Norwegians looked in vain for a building over which was hoisted the flag of their fatherland. As was done by those governments in connection with the Swedish and Danish buildings, Norway signified her willingness to contribute one half toward the erection and maintenance of a suitable building if the Norwegians here would contribute the other half. The proposition was reasonable and the question presented was whether we should raise the money necessary--some \$40,000,--or whether we should endure the

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humiliation of being less patriotic than the other two groups of Scandinavian people.

In view of the fact that the Norwegian Lutheran Synod meets at the Fair and that the Norwegian Sangerfest [Singer Festival] will be held there, and in view of the further fact that June 7 has been designated "Norway Day" on the official Exposition program, it was particularly humiliating to think that we should not even have a flag pole from which to unfold the colors of old Norway.

Considering these facts, we decided to help. The building is erected and paid for. A number of men have contributed from \$25 to \$100 each, but no general canvas has been made for we have been unwilling to incur expenses that would reduce the contributions made. We have decided instead to make an appeal to our people throughout America for a helping hand. Join us if

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you can. Send contributions to Theodore Wold, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, or Skandinaven, Chicago, Illinois. We might suggest that contributions from \$2 to \$25 would be entirely acceptable and proper.

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NORWEGIAN SOLOIST ARRIVES

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The Norwegian colony of Chicago is pleased over a piece of good fortune in the line of music. A recent arrival in Chicago is a young tenor, Thorwald Woll, who is a son of Rev. Hans Woll of Lillihammer, Norway, and a nephew of Professor Woll of Madison, Wisconsin. This young man has an excellent musical education and has won a name for himself in the old land, where he was the soloist for the Norwegian Student Singers' Federation for several years.

During the "Wild Rollo" festivities in Rouen, France, last summer, Mr. Woll was the soloist of the great Norwegian chorus that took part in that affair.

We are all waiting to see with which of our Chicago choruses he will affiliate, and we are looking forward to his first appearance in a Chicago concert.

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[CELEBRATE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY]

The Humboldt Park Parish House was the scene of the celebration of the sixth anniversary of Lodge No. 3 of the I.O.G.T., on February 17th. In spite of the fact that Captain Roald Amundsen was giving his final Chicago lecture at the same time, the I.O.G.T. festival was well-attended.

A tasty banquet was served in the spacious dining-hall, and speeches, singing, and music contributed to the pleasure of the gala affair. Mr. and Mrs. Fr. Wermskjold entertained with readings and speeches that were well-received.

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Captain Roald Amundsen's visit to Chicago was a gala event for our Norwegian Colony and a success in every way. The great explorer was kept busy every minute with banquets, dinners, and receptions. One wonders how the vitality of one man could survive it all.

Upon his arrival at the Polk Street station, he was greeted with the strains of Ja Vi Elsker, the Norwegian national anthem, sung by the Norwegian Singers' League of Chicago. Norwegian flags were displayed as never before in the history of Chicago; myriads of Norsemen shouted their "Hurrah's" at the station and along the route to the University Club, where he was to be the guest of the Chicago Geographical Society during his stay in Chicago. The Captain was visibly moved by the reception given him at the station; by the hearty singing under the baton of Professor Alfred Paulsen, the speech of welcome by Mr. Thoratenson, president of the Singers' League, and the shouted greetings




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of the host of Norsemen, all in the beloved tongue of that great little country, Norway.

Captain Amundsen is an imposing figure, a typical descendant of the rugged Vikings, famous in saga and in song, and he speaks with a directness and power that leaves no doubt in the listener's mind that here is a man of knowledge, endurance, and character; a man who knows and speaks with authority.

Had Captain Amundsen been able to accept even a small portion of invitations for entertainment by Chicagoans in general and the Norwegian colony in particular, he would have had to prolong his stay many weeks. We can state, with no fear of contradiction, that the doors and hearts of Chicago will always be wide open to this world hero, and we Norsemen are rightfully proud that we are of the same race as the intrepid Roald Amundsen.



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So voluminous have been the reports in our greater Chicago dailies of the engagements arranged by the Captain's "host," the Chicago Geographical Society, that it is unnecessary for us to repeat them in Scandia; we will therefore confine our remarks to the "crumbs" of time granted his countrymen.

We had our hero for a very short time when the Norwegian Club gave a dinner in his honor, following a reception at the Blackstone Hotel, where he had been the guest of Mr. Haukan, the Norwegian Consul. The club gave their dinner at the Congress Hotel, and 150 guests saw and heard the **captain**. They enjoyed every minute of the **allotted time** (6:00 to 8:30 P.M.). Speakers at the dinner were Dr. Marloe, Mr. Gjaever, and Mr. Mu meland. Captain Amundsen expressed his deep appreciation for the courtesy and good-will of his "own people," and regretted that his time was so short. He added that he hoped to be able to pay an

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exclusive visit to the Norsemen of Chicago later on. The Captain could not conceive of a heartier, more touching welcome than that which was accorded him upon his arrival in Chicago. It will always remain in his memory as an outstanding day in his eventful life.

Orchestra Hall was filled to capacity long before the time set for the lecture. The Norwegian attendance exceeded by far the attendance of other nationalities; they were solidly packed into the sections for which Scandia and the Norwegian Club had handled the sale of tickets. Not one ticket remained unsold at either place.

It seemed as though the applause would never end when Captain Amundsen, escorted by Professors Cowles and Cox, appeared on the platform. Quiet was finally restored, however, and Professor Cowles presented Captain Amundsen with the Chicago Geographical Society Gold Medal. This brought forth another salvo of applause that was stilled entirely only when



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Captain Amundsen stepped forward and raised his hand for quiet. The Captain spoke **briefly** of his many trips of exploration, and at length of his triumphal trip to the pole. Both the lecture and the accompanying pictures were absorbed by the most **intensely** interested audience we have ever seen, and no one in that vast audience doubted that they had listened to one of the greatest men of the modern world.

The difficulty experienced by those who had not obtained tickets in advance was exemplified by Mayor Harrison's experience. The Mayor decided at the last minute to attend, and no seat was available until Professor Patten gave the Mayor his own seat in the box he had reserved, the professor stating that he could attend the lecture at Evanston, the next evening, instead.



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NORWEGIAN CLUB HONORS CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN

Our Norwegian organizations will have little opportunity to see or fete Captain Roald Amundsen during his visit to Chicago. As he is the guest of the Chicago Geographical Society, his time will be almost entirely taken up with meetings the society has arranged.

Captain Amundsen will arrive on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, and will be taken directly to the University Club, where he will be the guest of the Geographical Society during his stay in Chicago. On Sunday evening the Society is to give a monster banquet in his honor. However, on Monday, Feb. 6, at 6 P.M., Den Norske Klub (The Norwegian Club) is giving a dinner in honor of the explorer in the Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel. The dinner will necessarily be a rush affair, as the Captain is due at Orchestra Hall for his lecture at 8 P.M. Following the lecture, he will be tendered a reception and smoker. The Norwegian National League is discussing plans for a possible torch-light parade for Sunday evening, but this, at present, is somewhat indefinite.



On Tuesday, the Captain goes to Evanston, where he is to lecture in the Congregational Church, under the auspices of the local lodge Suold (Shield) of the Sons of Norway. A detailed program of Captain Amundsen's engagements will be given in our next week's issue.



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[SKI CLUB CELEBRATES]

The "Norge" Ski Club celebrated their 7th anniversary on Saturday Nov. 9th with a banquet, for members and friends. Unlike other mortals, who dread the coming of winter with its snow, cold weather, short days and long nights, the ski boys look forward to a great time at the "Norge" hill at Cary. Good Norwegian food, plentiful and well served combined with enthusiastic reports and speeches served to make the evening one of the most pleasant ever spent by the club.

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Scandia, Nov. 16, 1912.

[NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED]

Those who are familiar with Norwegian history know that the first step taken to obtain Norway's freedom and independence was taken at Eidsvold in 1814. Chicago has an energetic young people's society named "Eidsvold," which, true to its name, has begun the first public festivities in its campaign for funds for the memorial gift to Norway in 1914.

The festival, with an excellent program, was held at Bjorgoin Hall on Saturday, Nov. 9. George (May 17th) Kramer was the main speaker and the Scandinavian Socialist Singing Society (4Ss) provided the musical part in a very pleasing selection of choral numbers. The festival ended with a dance.

The aim of the society seems to have put a real celebration spirit into the gathering, as it became necessary to turn out the lights to stop the festival.



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Scandia, Aug. 3, 1912.

OUTING AT RIVERVIEW PARK



The R. H. K. (Knights of the White Cross) is now one of Chicago's strong fraternal orders. There are a number of local lodges throughout the city, and they are all co-operating to put on a big picnic tomorrow at Riverview Park. Nora Leif Erikson, Tordenskjold, Dovre, Wergeland and Columbia lodges will all take part in the outing. The Norsemen's Male Chorus will sing, and the Norwegian Turners will put on a gymnastic show. The Turners' band will play, and there will be a tug of war between the lodges.

The knights recently moved into their new building, and the picnic tomorrow is in the nature of a celebration of this event. Every effort has been put forth to make tomorrow's outing a success and we predict a record attendance. All Norsemen are welcome.

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[NORWEGIAN EVENING]

Chicago's Apothecaries are good mixers (no pun intended). This is evidenced at their social gatherings, one of which was held last Monday. The Chicago Apothecaries' Club had arranged a Norwegian evening at the Hotel Bismark where decorations and surroundings were in the Norse style.

Mr. Brunn represented Norway on the committee, to make sure that the real Norse brew was served by Dr. A. Doe. An octette from the "Nordmaendenes" Male Chorus, under the direction of Hans Oftedahl, entertained with several selections that were thoroughly enjoyed. With all the appetisers disposed of, the group adjourned to the tavern where the sumptuous free lunch disappeared like dew under the warm sun. What chance has a supply of eatables after a few drinks of Lysholm Akvavit and a speech by Dr. Doe? This was one occasion where the well-known business and pleasure, was properly well mixed.

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NATIONAL SINGERS' LEAGUE FESTIVAL

The Singers' Festival began Thursday forenoon with a parade, and continued with a few hours of rehearsing.

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The parade was arranged as follows:

First Division:

1. Minnehaha Male Chorus, Sioux Falls, S. D.
2. Grieg Chorus, Canton, S. D.
3. Grieg Chorus, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.
4. Norsemen's Chorus, Minneapolis.
5. Nordraak Chorus, Madison, S. D.
6. Bjarre Chorus, Grand Forks, S. D.
7. Norsemen's Chorus, St. Paul.
8. Normania Chorus, Duluth.

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9. Nordstrom Chorus, Superior.
10. Nordron Chorus, Superior.
11. Viking Chorus, Cloquet, Minn.
12. Normania Chorus, La Crosse, Wis.

Second Division:

1. Norwegian Good Templar Chorus, Minneapolis.
2. Northcape Chorus, Minneapolis.
3. Varde Chorus, Bode, Iowa.
4. Echo Glee Club, Decorah, Iowa.
5. Grieg Chorus, Nordness, Iowa (sic).
6. Brage Chorus, Thief River Falls, Minn.
7. Viking Chorus, Aberdeen, S. D.
8. Warren Chorus, Warren, Minn.
9. Norden Chorus, Devils Lake, N. D.
10. Ft. Ransom Chorus, Ft. Ransom, N. D.
11. Kjerulf Chorus, Hatton, N. D.
12. Abercrombie Chorus, Abercrombie, N. D.

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13. Hugnad Chorus, Minneapolis.

Third Division:

1. Dovre Chorus, Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Fram Chorus, St. Paul, Minn.
3. Twin City Quartet, St. Paul, Minn.
4. Luren Chorus, Decorah, Iowa.
5. Ljom Chorus, Fergus Falls, Minn.
6. Bjorgvin Chorus, Benson, Minn.
7. Gauken Chorus, Decorah, Iowa.
8. Viking Chorus, Crookston, Minn.
9. Syrma Chorus, Emmons, Minn.
10. Norwegian Glee Club, Winnipeg, Can.
11. Norsemen's Chorus, Sioux City.

Fourth Division:

1. Bjorgvin Chorus, Chicago.
2. Norwegian Glee Club, Chicago.
3. Norsmen's Chorus, Chicago.

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4. Norwegian Club's Chorus, Chicago.
5. Lark Chorus, Chicago.
6. Northcape Chorus, Albert Lea, Minn.
7. Freia Chorus, Elgin, Ill.
8. Grieg Chorus, Beloit, Wis.
9. Norsenen's Chorus, Brooklyn.
10. Norwegian Glee Club, Hoboken.
11. Anduake Chorus, Providence, R. I.
12. Norrona Chorus, Fargo.
13. Orpheus Chorus, Fargo.

The Friday evening program was as follows:

1. Overture, "Le Dominio Noir" Auber
Orchestra, H. M. Rudd, Director
2. "Giv Act" Alfred Paulsen

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Grand Chorus [1,000 voices], Emil Bjorn, Director

3. "Hear Ye Israel" Mendelssohn
Mildred Romsdahl, Soprano
4. "Olaf Trygvarson" Reissinger
Winnesheik County Singers' League,
Carlo A. Sperati, Director
5. Prologue Leoncavallo
Gustav Holmquist
6. "Naar Fjordene Blaaner" Alfred Paulsen
Chicago Norwegian Singers' League
7. "Norrøna-Kvadet" Grieg
Grand Chorus, Elvind Borson, Soloist

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Intermission

8. a) Serenata, "Love in Idleness" Macbeth
b) "Norwegian Dance," Opus 35 Greig
Orchestra
9. "Du Lann" Signe Lund
Grand Chorus and Orchestra
10. a) "Sommerdag" Kjerulf
b) "Mor" Matius
c) Ballad, "Knud Larvard" Gade
G. Holmquist
11. "Varde" Haarklon
Grand Chorus, G. Holmquist, Soloist, Halten, Director

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12. a) "Jeg Elsker Dig" Grieg
b) "Jag Var Ung" Hallstrom
c) "Goodbye" Tosti

Mildred Romsdahl

13. "Ossian" Beschmitt
Twin Porte Singers', Gustav Flaaten, Director

14. Trombone Solo Selected
Trygve Helseth

15. "Landkjending" Grieg
Grand Chorus, G. Holmquist, Soloist

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The Norwegian National Singers' League held their meeting on Friday, the day after the first concert. Sixteen new singing societies joined the Norwegian

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National Singers' League, making a total of forty-eight active choruses in the League to date, and a total of 1,134 singers. The monthly Sangerhilsen now has 1,835 subscribers.

A cable, from the Norwegian National Student Singers' League [in Norway] was received, wishing their American brothers success. Julius Jaeger was elected national president and Emil Bjorn was especially honored.....

The program for the last evening of the festival was as follows:

1. "Scenes from Boheme" Massenet (sic)
Orchestra
2. "Brudafaerden" Reissinger
Grand Chorus
3. "Robert, toi que je aimer" Meyerbeer
Jessie Hazelton Askegaard, Soprano

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4. "Den Store Hvide Flok" Grieg
Grand Chorus, G. Holmquist, Soloist
5. "Toreador's Song" Bizet
Gustav Holmquist
6. "En Vaarnat" Borg
R.R.V.S.S. Association,
Dr. Vistavnet, Director
7. "Hor os Svea" Wennerberg
Grand Chorus
8. "Kongs Kvadet" Grieg
Grand Chorus, Elvind Borsum, Soloist

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9. "Fantasie-Traumbilder" Lumby
Orchestra
10. "Sangen Har Lysning" A. Paulsen
Grand Chorus, G. Holmquist, Soloist
11. a) "Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre" Handel
b) Prelude, "Cycle of Life" Ronald
c) "Birthday" Woodman
Jessie Hazelton Askegaard
12. "Tordenskjold" Selmer
Minneapolis Singers' Union, Erik Oulie, Director
13. a) "Kamerat" [Comrade] Korling
b) "En Sangers Bon" Reissinger
c) "Sotar Gossan" Lindblad

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14. Trombone Solo Selected

Trygve Helseth

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[NORSKE CLUB BANQUET A SUCCESS]

Chicago Norske Klub (Chicago Norwegian Club) gave a Lexa (supper), on Saturday, June 15th, to 100 members and invited guests. The guests were first taken on a tour of inspection of the new club rooms, and all expressed astonishment over the wonderful results obtained by the building committee and its sub-committees in such a short time. Following the inspection trip, members and guests were seated at well-laden tables and all did full justice to the excellent foods.

The invited guests were prominent in various Scandinavian circles, a really metropolitan gathering. Speakers during the meeting included such well-known men as Olov Dornts; Mr. Murneland; Nicolay Trovstad, a traveler to Paraguay, B. A.; Sundby-Jensen; Mr. Jager of Milwaukee; Master Niels Juul, Danish; Consul Rove of Milwaukee; Mr. Jager; and Capt. Jan Bjorndahl, who will command the first of the N. A. Line's trans-Atlantic liners.

The Norwegian press, colleges, and literary societies were also represented, and the University of Chicago was represented by Professor Gould. An especially

pleasing part of the evening's program, the contribution of Lauritz Lobo, de luxe singer of ballads, who sang the latest in popular songs from Norway and various Norwegian colonies in America.

This is the third of the series of festivities arranged for the dedication of the new club rooms.

The fourth and concluding festival was held on June 15th: the children's ball. This was an outstanding affair that will long be remembered not only by the children but by adults as well. They will never forget the throng of festival-garbed laughing youngsters, who were having such a wonderful time in such magic surroundings.

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CELEBRATE NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE

Norwegian Chicago, headed by the Norwegian National League, today celebrated Norway's independence day with a parade, speeches, picnics, and other festivals. This is the big day for Norwegians throughout the world, and Chicago is by no means the least among the celebrants.

The government of Norway is parliamentary; a government which, although Norway is a kingdom, is of, by, and for the people. Shall wonder then, that our Norwegians so easily and quickly became good American citizens, having already had this form of government in the mother country. Being well-grounded in the principles of self-government before coming to this country, it is perfectly proper that we celebrate May 17th and honor the country where these ideas were impressed upon our minds.

Hitherto, we have held two parades, but it is probable there will be one, due to the elimination of the long and bitter opposition accorded the National League by leaders of our Norwegian Churches.

The parade will start at Leavitt and North, where Norwegian and American flags will be given to all children taking part, and will proceed west on North Avenue to Huloldt Park. Reverend Mr. Gullixson, pastor of St. Paul's Church, will speak to the children, and there will be a program of music and singing.

The folk festival will be held in Brand's Park from 12:30 noon on. A program of athletic events will be held for old and young, and the speakers of the day will be W. Morgenstjern, attache of the Norwegian Consulate at Washington, D. C.; and Edward F. Dunn, Governor of Illinois. Mr. Lasse Grundeland, Chicago attorney, will present the speakers. A musical treat is also in store for those who go to Brand's Park; the Norwegian Singers' League, composed of the four Chicago male choruses, will entertain with a program of patriotic and classical songs.

The festival committee has done a lot of hard work in an effort to make this May 17th celebration one of real pleasure to our people and an honor

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to the Mother Land. Outlying lodges and churches will have their own festival for those who find it inconvenient to attend the city-wide festivities. Following the program in the park, there will be several hours of dancing to good orchestra music.

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Scandia, May 4, 1912.

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[TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY]

The Norwegian Glee Club celebrated their twenty-third anniversary with a banquet and program at Bjorgvir Hall, on Tuesday, April 30th. This was one of the best celebrations ever staged by any of our organizations.

The food was excellent and perfectly served, and the speeches were just right, neither too long nor too bombastic. The hall was tastefully decorated and everything combined to make a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The first speaker, Judge Torstein, spoke of the excellent work of the club on the concert stage; also its support of, and service to, our benevolent institutions. In conclusion, he presented the club with a large framed picture of the eight founders of the chorus. Only one of the original eight, John Dahl, was left, and he could not think of missing the affair.

The name of the donor of the picture was, by his request, withheld, but we

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have since learned it was Halder Hansen,

Several hearty toasts were given Professor Alfred Paulsen, who, as was Mrs. Paulsen, was a special guest of honor. All speakers made reference to Professor Paulsen's contribution to the Norwegian Male Choruses, and Finn Rein Lindegaard told of a beautiful convention of all choruses in Bergen Norway five or six years ago, they nearly sung themselves to death on Paulsen's "Mar Fjordene Fløyer," Norway's best popular song at the time.

Other speakers were Julius Fjeger, H. M. Steensen, Louis Hilsen, C. Harveland, and E. Tollefsen, master of ceremonies. Singing by the chorus and individual soloists, together with violin and piano music, was pleasantly interspersed between the speeches. The final hours of the evening were spent in dancing, after which the guests found their way to their respective homes with a true conviction of the passing of another perfect day.

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[HOLDING CLOSING FESTIVAL]

Skiklubben Norge (Norge Ski Club), held the closing festival of the season at Jacobsen's hall, on Saturday, April 27th. Members and their families, as well as many from the Sleipner Athletic Club and the Athletic Club, enjoyed a nice banquet and speeches.

Mr. Ingdahl thanked the members for their faithful services throughout the season, especially during the National Ski Tournament on Lorge Hill at Cary, Ill. etc.

A toast to local members was enthusiastically given, and in the raffle of a round trip ticket to Norway, W. J. Lochr, 125 North California Avenue, was the holder of the lucky number (1122). Norge Ski Club is to be highly complimented for its record during the past season, and for the excellence of the evening's entertainment.

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Scandia, Apr. 6, 1912.

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[CARNIVAL]

The Norwegian Singers' League (Chicago division), held a private carnival at Bjorgvin Hall, on Saturday, March 30.

The word carnival is of Italian origin, and means "farewell meats;" it is used in connection with the final pre-lenten festival, after which, thru the lenten season, meat is not eaten. The general public takes part in the carnival, all in costumes and masks.

In Norwegian, a "Karneval" means a masked ball, and describes last Saturday's affair literally, as no one was admitted who was not masked. The newly organized "Norske Klub," (Norwegian Club) including their male chorus - attended in a body. Not one member was missing.

Aside from the dancing, a program of music and song was enjoyed by all. A special number, which drew hearty applause, was the prologue, composed especially for the occasion by Finn Rein Simonsen, the Colony Lyric.



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Scandia, Mar. 23, 1912.NORWEGIAN/SURPRISE PARTY/

Members and friends of St. John's Kirken (St. John Norwegian Lutheran Church), gave a surprise party for their pastor, Reverend W. L. Busan, and his wife, on Thursday, March 14.

The Reverend Mr. Busan has been the pastor of the church during the last two **years**, and though the time has been short, he and his good wife have won themselves a host of friends by their faithful work and ability.

The members of the congregation and their friends had gathered to honor the beloved couple, and present them with a well-filled purse as a token of appreciation for the wonderful work they had done in such a short time.

The Reverend M. Holstad, of Marius Kirken (St. Mark's Church), as the evening's master of ceremonies made the presentation, and announced the program which consisted of vocal selections by Mr. Thiele, readings by Miss Minnie Troten, and songs by a quartette of visiting friends.

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Dr. Harloe, speaker of the evening, thanked the Reverend Mr. Lusan and Mrs. Lusan for their faithful work. Afterwards, bread, cakes, cake, fruit, and coffee were served. The Reverend Mr. Lusan voiced appreciation on behalf of himself and Mrs. Lusan, for the kind and hospitality shown them during his pastorate, and commended the faithfulness of the congregation in the matter of church attendance and in meeting all obligations promptly-even in these hard times.

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Scandia, Dec. 16, 1911.NORWEGIAN[GALA BANQUET]

p.1.....The Norwegian Singers' League, composed of Norwegian male choruses of Chicago, held their annual banquet at the Bjorgvin Hall last evening. There were 150 guests at the banquet table when they partook of a complete assortment of traditional Norwegian Christmas delicacies. Mr. Zimmerman, the retiring president, introduced the incoming officials headed by Mr. Lyder Birkedal (Normendenes) president, who thanked the 1911 officers for work well done and exhorted all singers to continue their faithful service, in their own choruses and in the league and predicted a good year for the league and its members. At the close of the banquet Dr. Doe announced that Julius Jaeger, Bjorgvin's president for many years, would celebrate his 50th birthday or Christmas Eve and on that occasion he is to be decorated by the Christian University Students Chorus. Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Birkedal were decorated with the jewel of the order and diplomas given both men. This knight-hood is much coveted by Norwegians, especially those in foreign lands, and is bestowed for outstanding service in the realm of Norwegian song.

Songs by the entire league was well rendered and the evening was a very pleasant occasion. Among those present, and who enjoyed every minute, was the world renowned violinist Ole Theobaldi, who will give a series of concerts in Chicago, starting during Christmas.

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Scandia, Nov. 4, 1911.



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[WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED]

p.4.....On Saturday evening, last week, one-hundred friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gerner on Wilson Avenue to celebrate their 20th anniversary. The hearty congratulations of the assembled friends were augmented by telegrams from various clubs and absent friends. Mr. Gerner was one of the founders of the Norske Kvartet Klub (The Norwegian Quartet Club) and this club together with other singing societies attended the celebration and contributed several songs for the evening's program. Dr. Warloe spoke on behalf of the singers in general, expressing heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Gerner for his long and faithful service in several singing societies and, on the singers behalf, presented the guests of honor with a beautiful gift. The many gifts and flowers that were brought or sent were a real testimonial to the esteem in which this worthy couple is held both in and outside of the Norwegian colony.

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Scandia, Sept. 2, 1911.

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[OLD PEOPLE'S HOME PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS]

p.4...The annual picnic of the Old People's Home Society was held at the home in Norwood Park on Saturday, Aug. 26th, and was a real success. The largest attendance in the history of the home was recorded and the pleasure derived, from the throng of visitors, by the aged inmates knew no bounds.

Moth Pedersen's Orchestra pleased with a goodly number of old Norse folk melodies, and Birger Osland was the speaker of the day. Reverend Wolstead and Reverend Solberg, also spoke of the work of the home.

Miss Elizabeth Middleton sang a number of old favorite songs that awakened many pleasant memories of the land where these old people spent their childhood. The proceeds of the picnic were very gratifying, the net profit being over \$800. The home is doing a wonderful work, and our people are realizing more thoroughly, as time goes on, that the number who contribute to its upkeep and running expense is constantly growing.

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[PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS]

p.8...."Nordmendenes Sangforening" (Northmen's Singing Society) held their 41st annual picnic on Sunday, July 9th. Experienced committeemen had wisely secured the best park money could obtain and the resulting attendance more than justified the expenditure. Experience gained at former picnics demonstrated that "speeches" were not popular, so music, singing and dancing were the day's program that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The evening concert drew every one on the grounds, and with the assistance of a Swedish Chorus, which was a special guest, the singers wove a spell of enjoyment over the vast assembly that held them till the last note had died away in the night. "By the Sea" and "I Would Flee" in Norwegian and "Free as a Bird", and "Spring Sunshine" in Swedish were exceptionally well rendered by the Norsemen and selections by the Swedish Chorus were given a long and hearty applause.

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Scandia, June 24, 1911.

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['SONS OF NORWAY' PICNIC]

p.8.....The "Sons of Norway" picnic at Linden Park, Evanston was a real homey affair, thoroughly enjoyed. During the early hours there seemed little probability of a crowd but before noon the pleasant picnic grounds were teeming with a happy and active throng. Coffee, ice cream and lemonade were in such demand that the committee serving them found no opportunity for even a short breathing spell and while the picnic was not planned for gain the committee announces a substantial profit for the day.

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Scandia, Mar. 4, 1911.

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[HOLD ANNUAL CARNIVAL]

Nordmaendenes Sangforening (Norwegian Singing Society) held its annual carnival on Saturday February 25. The occasion held a double feature in addition to the date marked the 40th anniversary of this well known chorus.

The carnivals given by the chorus an increasing in popularity due to the quality of entertainment offered on every occasion. This chorus, unlike most others, does not base its popularity upon a masquerade but gives greater consideration to its own vocal presentations. Last year's program featured "Sigurd Jossalfar" while this year was presented through Pirate chorus of Verdis Opera "Ernani." This presentation was very well done in spite of the seemingly thankless effort of singing such a high class composition to a carnival minded public. While the carnival spirit permeated the entire crowd, the hearty applause given the chorus for its offerings was very encouraging. Socially and financially the anniversary was a decided triumph and "Nordmaendenes" wants to thank all who contributed to the success of the occasion.

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NORWEGIANScandia, Jan. 21, 1911.[DR. QUALES BANQUETED]

p.2.....Wicker Park Hall was center of Norwegian activities on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a banquet honoring the prominent physician and grand old gentleman Dr. N. T. Qualess on his eightieth birthday. The hall was beautifully decorated and a profusion of flowers gave an almost audible testimony of love and esteem for this venerable, lovable Viking. Among the many speakers who lauded the work and personality of Dr. Qualess were N. A. Grevstad, editor of Skandinaven, Carl Gulbrandsen, president of the Norwegian National League, Oscar H. Haugan, Norwegian Consul, and H. G. Haugan.

Emil Bjorn and Dr. A. Doe contributed much to the pleasures of the evening with their appropriate solos. A large silver loving cup was presented Dr. Qualess who responded very feelingly for the honors shown him. Churches, hospitals, orphanages and old peoples homes were represented, all expressing their appreciation for the friendly assistance constantly and unstintingly given them by Dr. Qualess for so many years. An avalanche of telegrams from prominent men both in and outside Chicago were received

during the evening. By no means the least pleasing part of the program was the music by Haugan's Orchestra. Music artistically played by real musicians, it was a pleasant contrast to the usual rendition of crash and blare usually offered on occasions such as this.

The evening was by far the most pleasant gathering we of Chicago's colony has ever had and it will undoubtedly be some time ere a real duplication will take place. In brief it was a real tribute to a real doctor, a real friend.

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Scandia, July 9, 1910.

BJORNSON MEMORIAL FESTIVAL

p.4.col.3.... The Bjornson Memorial Festival was somewhat of a disappointment in the matter of attendance. With the thermometer registering over 90 degrees in the shade for several days the public was not in the proper mood for a large indoor gathering so the hall was only about half filled. The program, however, was good, nearly all numbers striking a happy responsive chord.

Among those taking part in the program were Mrs. B. Jebbe who recited Finn Rein Simonsen's "Bjornson Epilog, Mme. Aslud Trilish, Mrs. Borgny Hammer; Rolf Hammer. Consul F. Herman Godi's lecture on Bjornson fell short of its intent, being more of a collection of quotations than the anticipated tribute to Norway's outstanding writer.

A marked and pleasing contrast was the speech of Mr. Morton Payne, prominent translator of the works of Bjornson and Ibsen, who had mastered Norwegian in order to fully absorb the beauty of these works in the original language. He spoke of the enjoyment experienced in reading the works in Norwegian and of

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his pleasure in having been able, by his translations, to share this pleasure with his own countrymen.

Mr. Payne's statements should awaken the best in our own young people, many of whom think it non-essential to know the mother tongue and there are many whose false pride make them ashamed and too cowardly to admit the flow of good old Vikingblood in their veins. "Kongekvadet" and "Norounakvadit" by the combined orchestra and chorus were exceptionally well rendered and were awarded a storm of applause.

We sincerely hope that the weather will be more auspicious on future occasions, such as this, as it is seldom we can hear programs that are both entertaining and educational to the extent that this Bjornson program was.

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THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF OLE BULL

The festival of the one hundredth anniversary of Ole Bull, the great Norwegian composer, was a great success. People from the entire Middle West attended. As usual, the festival was held in the Association Auditorium, 153 North La Salle Street. The Singing Society Bjorgvin was the sponsor of the affair, and the program was an outstanding one. Selections of such great composers as Ole Bull, Reisiger, Ljerulf, Johannes Halvorsen, Edvard Grieg, and Madame Agathe Backer-Grodal were either played or sung. The Singing Society Bjorgvin rendered the following numbers: "Olaf Trygvesson," "Astri, Mi Astri," and "Baadnlaat"; the orchestra played these selections: "Bojarens Intags March," "Anitras Dans," and "I Dovre Gubbens Hal".

The dedication of the bust of Ole Bull, by the great sculptor Sigvald Asbjornson, was one of the main features on the program.

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The ladies' quartet Norda sang several beautiful old Norwegian songs. The violinist, Professor P. Maurinus Paulsen [a Dane], played several of Grieg's compositions.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 7, 1907.

THE SINGERS' FESTIVAL ENDED

The Tivoli-Festival of the Norwegian Singers' Association ended last night. During the afternoon there was a good sized audience, and in the evening all the halls were packed.

The Singers' Association, directed by Emil Bjorn, sang several numbers. Their singing was applauded and encores were demanded. The Glee Club also sang; Alfred Paulsen, director.

In the Vaudeville Theatre, several plays were given during the evening, all to audiences which crowded the place, and all receiving well-earned applause. Lund was the star par excellence.

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During the four evenings of the festival, success was written over the whole affair, and Mr. Julius Jaeger, the chairman of the committee, stated to a reporter for the Skandinaven that the financial returns exceeded expectations. The money will make it possible for the singers from Chicago to worthily represent the Norwegians of this city at the Singers' meet in Minneapolis next summer.

The delegates of the National Association attended, in full on Sunday afternoon, when the Norwegian Glee Club was host.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 27, 1907.

BAZAAR AT OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

In spite of inclement weather, the attendance at the bazaar given at Our Savior's Church has been very large, and the income has been proportional.

Tonight the public will have an opportunity to watch the young men of the church doing business and keeping house. The young men will have charge of everything, including the kitchen service. Only two more nights remain of the bazaar, tonight and tomorrow. It has been a great success.



Skandinaven, Sept. 15, 1907.

THE SINGERS' GRAND TIVOLI FESTIVAL.

The committee on arrangements for the Norwegian Singing Association's Tivoli Night in Bjorgvin Hall October 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th is now hard at work. This festival promises to become something extraordinary. The four singing societies belonging to the association will each have charge of an evening both in regard to the stage presentations and to the refreshment arrangement. Thus there will be friendly competition as to which society is best able to entertain the public.

In addition to the programs given by the individual singing societies, the singers of the association as such will every evening present numbers under the leadership of their director, Emil Bjorn. The festival will be opened by the association on Thursday evening after which the Norwegian Quartet Club will offer an exceptionally good program of singing and vaudeville. Friday is Bjorgvin's day, and the lusty Bergen Boys will undoubtedly know how to make their audience sit up and take notice. Saturday, the Norwegian's Singing Society is on the program. This very popular society counts many high class singers as members. Who does not remember Euten and Lund, Mathisen, Lovaldsen, and Hansen! On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Glee Club gives a matinee.



The club does not reveal its program in advance, but it is hinted that its members have something hidden under their coats and up their sleeves, which may cause both their fellow singers in the association and the audience in general to - well - gasp.

The festival will be concluded in the evening with a program by the association singers. In addition, Bergen, Berner, Ralmer, and others have promised to assist, so the program will be full and rich. The income from the festival will be used to pay traveling expenses for the singers who are to participate in the song festival in Minneapolis next year. The Norwegian Singing Association of Chicago deserves the unstinted support of the city's Norwegians.

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NORWEGIAN

Skandinaven, Aug. 17, 1907.

PICNIC OF SINGING SOCIETIES

The two largest and oldest Norwegian singing societies will hold a picnic Sunday. Nordmendenes Sangforening and Bjorgvin will hold a **united** picnic at Columbia Park tomorrow. Columbia Park is on Desplaines River, about thirty miles from Chicago. The park is sixty-five acres and has a large number of shade trees. There are opportunities for various kinds of amusements including rowing and fishing. An interesting musical program (singing) will be rendered by the two singing choruses under the leadership of their directors, Gustaf A. Carlson and John L. Swenson. Chas. P. Hansen will sing the tenor solo in "Norona Kvadet" by Grieg, accompanied by the singing societies and the orchestra. The program starts at 3:00 o'clock.

Railroad trains leave Dearborn Station, Polk and Dearborn Streets at 9:30, 10:30 and 12:00 o'clock, and return trains at night from the park at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00. Tickets for the picnic may be had at the station.

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Skandinaven, Aug. 11, 1907

SUMMER FESTIVALS

1. The Sports Club Sleipner will hold its 14th annual picnic at Brand's Park Sept. 1.
2. The Society Nordlandingen will have a picnic at the Desplaines river for members and their friends.
3. Nidaros Society will have a picnic at Atlas Park Sunday Sept. 1. Music by Northern Light Band.
4. Singing Society Bjorgvin has had a vacation since the jubilee banquet July 2. Now the society will be preparing for the coming music festival.
5. The First Norwegian Male Burial Society will hold its picnic Sunday Aug. 18 in Pulaski Grove.

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[A PLEASANT OUTING]

The Norwegian Glee Club had a cozy trip to Fox Lake Saturday. The club members left Chicago at 4 o'clock P.M. and arrived at Fox Lake at 5.45. They were received at the Fox Lake station by the local committee, and with singing and music the trip was made to Olsen's hotel, about ten minutes walk from the station, where everything was arranged for a pleasant evening. The trip into the country lasted till Sunday where a sailing trip on Fox Lake was arranged. Later there was dinner at the hotel where the host and owner of the hotel, Mr. Olsen, brought out champagne to crown a happy day.

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Skandinaven, July 28, 1907.

[PICNIC]

The Scandinavian sick benefit and burial society, Scandia, will hold its 23rd annual picnic in Kosciusko Grove, Cragin, Sunday August 4. Excellent music, athletics and other entertainment. Coffee and sandwiches will be served.

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Scandia, July 22, 1907.

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[BAND HOLDS PICNIC]

The Northern Light Music Band held a picnic last Saturday afternoon at Pilsen Grove. The attendance was not as large as had been expected, but those present enjoyed the picnic.

The musicians were generous with their music.

Skandinaven, July 22, 1907.

[PICINIC]

Leif Erikson Lodge #9, R.H.K., held a very successful picnic at Kosciuszko's Park. Many people from the other four Chicago lodges were present with their families and friends. Music and sports furnished most of the entertainment. Everybody had a good time, and they got started on the way home early enough to escape the thunderstorm, which broke later in the evening.

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Skandinaven, July 1, 1907.

ULABRAND'S PICNIC.

Ulabrand's Picnic at Des Plaines last Sunday was a a success. It was a family picnic, and no effort was made to gain financially from the event.

There were races for ladies and for gentlemen. In addition to this the entertainment consisted of music, singing, playing and dancing.

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Skandinaven, May 26, 1907.

[PICNIC]

Scandinavian Socialist Aid Society will hold a large picnic on Sunday, June 9, at Kolzes Electric Park, Dunning.

The Scandinavian Socialists Singing Society will sing. H. Nelson's Orchestra will play. Speeches by well-known leaders. Many kinds of sport.

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Skandinaven, June 8, 1904.

["TIVOLI NIGHT" A SUCCESS]

The Norwegian Singing Society had its first "Tivoli Night" last Thursday night with a full house. The singers in America sing better than any singing society in Norway.

They showed St. Peterburg at night, the yellow house, the yellow fair and the city of Moscow. The Turner club Sleipner gave a fine exhibition. And Madame Newman Passner proved herself to be a fine singer. The price of admittance was 25 cents.

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THE ORPHANAGE BAZAAR
Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society

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On Wednesday evening the Bornevennen (Children's Friend Society) was in charge at the bazaar and it is doubtful that Harmony Hall ever witnessed such large crowds as thronged the place on that evening....On Thursday evening the ladies of Immanuel Church held sway, and it was a matter of course that they would draw a full house. On Friday evening the bazaar was in the hands of the ladies from the Trinity Church, and they did their task as well as any of their predecessors.

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THE TABITHA SOCIETY HOLDS BAZAAR

The Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society opened its bazaar, Monday evening, at Wicker Park Hall. The committee has received a multitude of gifts which have been put on display about the Hall. The place is decorated in the Norwegian national colors. Among the articles exhibited are a number of carved pieces recently arrived from Norway.

The Erie Branch of the Tabitha Society was in charge of the bazaar on Monday evening. The Bjorgvin Singing Society gave several numbers. A fine program has been arranged for every evening during the week.

On Tuesday evening the North Avenue Branch will have charge of the Bazaar. Mrs. Ralston will sing and Mr. Thinn will give a violin solo.

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BAZAAR FOR THE HOME FOR THE AGED

The Norwegian Society for the Home for the Aged held a meeting of all its branches at the home of Dr. M. T. Ales last night, in connection with the bazaar, which the Society is to hold at Schoenhofen's Hall from November fifth to tenth. The ladies' auxiliary had made their preparations for the bazaar long ago, and the many tasks connected with the selection of committee members and assistants have been accomplished. The bazaar is the fifth to be held by the Society and it now appears that it will surpass all its predecessors both as to contents and decorations, and also with regard to attendance. The bazars have meant a great deal in the development of the Society and its work.

Since the U. S. presidential election is to be held on November 6, the board of directors of the bazaar has made arrangements for visitors to the affair on that evening to get correct information about the election results from all over

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the country. This fact, in addition to the interesting programs, which are to be presented during the evening, will make this bazaar-week an event to be long remembered in the history of the society.

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THE FIRST SCANDINAVIAN FEMALE BURIAL SOCIETY HOLDS FAIR

The First Scandinavian Female Burial Society opened its bazaar at Scandia Hall Saturday evening. The committee on arrangements had worked excellently; the number of visitors was large, and many gifts had been received, such as sofa pillows, large quilts, Norwegian and American flags, an attractive child's bed, and numerous pieces of embroidery.

During the evening an interesting program was presented on the platform.

The bazaar is to continue all next week. On Monday evening, among other performers, Mr. Elmer Dahlman will give a reading and Miss Lulu Larsen will sing. On Tuesday evening the Norwegian Glee Club will sing. Further entertainment will be given by Mr. J. Johnson, Miss Gertie Nagel, and others.



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Skandinaven, June 1, 1894.

[FINE FISH EXHIBIT AT FAIR]

(Summary)



The Norwegian government had a fine Fish Exposition at the World's Fair. It consisted of canned fish, fishing tackles, and so on. The judges regretted they could not give the exposition prize as it had to be placed under the heading "Hors-Concours".

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Skandinaven, May 1, 1894.

[SHIP "VIKING" AT NEW ORLEANS]

(Summary)



The good ship "Viking" is at New Orleans. S.T. Gundersen left to bring it back. It will take about fourteen days to bring it back to Chicago.



Skandinaven, July 28, 1893

[HOLD SONG FESTIVAL]

At three o'clock P.M. the big Scandinavian singing societies started their "Meet" in the Festival Hall at the Fair grounds. The vast number of singers, all wearing white caps, presented an overwhelming sight. The big hall was nearly full. Five thousand people were seated. One thousand singers gave a masterly performance, to which the public responded warmly. It was too bad that the size of the hall prevented a great many from hearing the concert.

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OLD SETTLERS

Looking backwards was the past record in Scandia Hall, Friday Night. The Norwegian Old Settlers had its yearly celebration.

Jens Olsen oldest member, arrived in Chicago, 1843, at the time Chicago had 7000 people. There were no railroad or steam boats from Buffalo. The president, A. P. Johnson of this club arrived in Chicago, 1850, and Chicago had then 18,000 inhabitants and one railroad. Other members of the club are: Peter Balken (1849), C. R. Mattson (1849), Captain John Andersen (1850), Christian Erikson (1859), Anton N. Nielsen (1853), Dr. N. L. Quailes (1859), H. G. Haltom (1864), Peter Olson (1867), Tom Olson (1866), John O. Bilboe (1868), Gilbert Olson (1866), Charles Samson (1861), S. M. Peterson (1862), A. N. Haugen (1861), M. Hansen (1861), Sal. Peterson (1864).

The tables were places so as to form a Horse-Shoe in the large hall. At 8:30



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o'clock, forty ladies and gentlemen were setting at the table, and a large orchestra started to play. After the coffee, C. R. Mattson spoke very beautifully about the old days. Consul Ravn from New York was present as a guest. He spoke briefly but well. After the coffee and cigars all went home happy and with them in old memories in mind until next year.

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Illinois Staats-Zeitung, Oct. 28, 1892.

NORWEGIANS CELEBRATE

The brilliant festival of last week in commemoration of Columbus did not prevent the Norwegians from paying tribute and honor to their own countryman, Leif Erikson, who discovered America, according to their claim, four hundred years before Columbus did. The Norwegians celebrated the occasion last night in the Scandia Hall. It was called the Festival of Grapes, in memory of the story that the discoverers after their return to the homeland in 1000 A.D. described the newly discovered country as a land abundant with grapes.

The Normania Military Orchestra started the festivity off with a musical performance. Many more musical entertainments were rendered during the evening by the choir Kjerulf and several soloists. Mr. A.J. Elvis spoke in English, and Conradi in Norwegian. Then the original document about the discovery of America was read by Mr. Diserud. After the program refreshments were served consisting of grapes and other fruits; a lively ball finished the festive affair.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 20, 1890.

A PROPOSITION

To The Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition



The undersigned hereby offers for sale a whole outfit of a Lappish family from the North of Norway. Said outfit consists of tents, household furniture, and utensils of every description; a Lappish sleigh and other vehicles, a saddle for reindeer, hunting and fishing equipment, bedclothing and wearing apparel of reindeer skins, both for men and women--in short, all articles used by a Lappish family, both in and out-of-doors, tending to illustrate the life and manners of this interesting nomadic race. I will agree to deliver the whole collection free of expense in Chicago, and place in proper shape for exhibition in the place which may be assigned for it, for the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

Such a collection, representing this primitive northern mode of life, cannot fail to be of great interest to observers in this age of advanced civilization.



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You may be assured that a Lappish camp at the Chicago Exposition would hold its own as our attraction, and receive merited attention and approval. It would also contribute its share in making the Fair as comprehensive and universal as possible.

At the same time, I offer to exhibit a collection from the hunting grounds of Spitzbergen and the polar regions, consisting of trapping outfits, utensils, hides of polar animals, teeth, heads, etc., of such animals. To this collection also belongs a number of interesting objects from the Samoieds, illustrating the home industry of this peculiar Nomad tribe of the far North. I will also deliver this collection and place it in position at the Exposition for the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, but this price only in case the above named Lappish camp is desired.

A part of the Lappish camp was exhibited at the Fair in Tromso (Norway) and received a medal there.

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Awaiting your answer to the above proposition at your earliest convenience,
I remain your obedient servant,

William Kjellman.

The above letter was received by the Editor of Skandinaven a short time ago, with the request that we bring the proposition before the proper authorities. It is a matter with which we have no personal acquaintance, and in which we have no interest, except the desire to do anything we can to make the World's Columbian Exposition as attractive and as truly cosmopolitan as possible.

It is our opinion that few exhibits of the out-of-the-way Races of the world as they exist would be more attractive, or more instructive than the one under consideration, and that if such exhibits are to be part of the great World's Fair--as they doubtless are--it would be incomplete without a Lappish camp like the one described here.



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The directors of the Exposition can get the address of the person offering the exhibit from the Skandinaven, and can communicate with him at their convenience.

Perhaps the directors will pardon us for taking the liberty at this time of reminding them that a collection from the national Swedish Museum of Antiquities was the feature of the late Exposition at Paris, which attracted much attention. The Northern peoples have very faithfully gathered and preserved the relics of their past, both in Norway and Denmark, as well as in Sweden. They are a very complete and attractive collections of national antiquities. If a judicious selection from these museums could be exhibited at the Chicago Exposition, it would not only be of great service to our own scholars and antiquaries, but to those of every country. But what perhaps would be of more practical and immediate interest to the board of directors is the great value such collections would have as a means of attracting every class of visitor from the nationalities which are so numerous represented in our city and in the whole Northwest.

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We are not familiar with the conditions on which the above mentioned collection from Sweden were secured for the Paris Exposition, nor do we know how readily the Northern governments would consent to the transportation of such valuable scientific treasures across the ocean, but we have no doubt that they would yield to any reasonable demands for the sake of both science and the success of the great Exposition.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 21, 1890.

THE WORLD'S FAIR

The date for the Chicago World's Fair has been decided on. It will be in 1893, the place, Lake Front and Jackson Park.

We expect that this Fair will be the greatest in history.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 15, 1890.

THE WORLD'S FAIR



At a recent meeting of the Scandinavian World's Fair Committee, the decisions and resolutions were as follows:

The Scandinavian Committee believes that Garfield Park rather than the Lake Front should be used as the site for the World's Fair.

It suggests that the National groups which have elected committees meet at a general meeting in order to discuss the final plans, and thereafter meet with the City Committee.

We are sure that the Fair will be held here in Chicago, and the final preparations should be made now. . . . The newspapers are to give as wide publicity as possible.

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Scandia, Jan. 12, 1929.

LITERARY CLUBS

The Aurora Literary Club has just celebrated its fortieth anniversary. Aurora is the oldest literary club in Chicago.

Last week the Cirklen (Circle) Literary Club celebrated its twentieth anniversary. Cirklen is the largest club of this kind in Chicago.

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Scandia, Mar. 26, 1927.

THE NORWEGIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The Norwegian Literary Society gave a Sigvald Quale memorial contest last week at the Chicago Norwegian Club.

The program was as follows:

Part I

Humoresque

Grieg.

Brynhild Meyer

Speech by Olaf E. Ray

Recitations in Norwegian

Blaaklokkerne Ringer [The Blue Bells Ring]

Lynge

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Blaaueis [Sky Blue]

Lynge

Vera Lund Age 10

The Rabbit that was Married

Asbjornsen

Helen Ouren Age 9

Bukken og Grisen [The Goat and the Pig]

Asbjornsen

Irving Rodley Age 9

Sollys [Sunshine]

Asbjornsen

Ruth Olsen Age 10

Mor Skal Bake [Mother will Bake]

Asbjornsen

Trygve Moinicihen Age 9

Eventyr [Faily Tales]

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Alile Ferdinandsen Age 10

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De To Brodre [The Two Brothers]
Arnold Olesen Age 9

Wildenvey

Suerre ved Tunsberg [Fairy Tale]
Kirsten Venneland Age 13

Rolfen

Intermission

Part II

Norwegian Folk Song (piano)
Brynhild Meyer

Norwegian Folk Song
Norwegian Folk Song

Alice Grevstad-Jorgensen

Petrie
Lepsoe

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Scandia, Mar. 26, 1927.

Recitation

Gutteman [Little Fellow]
De Forste Par Bukser [The First pair of Trousers]
Kate Koht Age 12

Torelius
Garborg

Truls and Inger

Louise Eide Age 14

Moe

The Cathedral in Nidaros

Arnold Anderson Age 11

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Two recitations by Martha Gullavag and Birgit Vennesland Ages 18 and 13

Three Piano Solo's by Svanhild Knudsen

Thomas Pihlfeldt gave out the prizes to the young contestants. We hope

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that affairs of this kind will help to extend the use of the Norwegian language.

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Scandia, May 10, 1919.

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

The annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study was held last week. The previous convention was held at the University of Chicago; this year the convention was held at the Chicago Norwegian Club.

The program of the convention was as follows:

First Session

Friday, May 2, 2:30 P. M.

Address of Welcome

Reading and Discussion of Papers:

1. The St. Olaf's Cult in Sweden--20 minutes
Professor Jules Maritzson

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2. The Church in Greenland in the Middle Ages--20 minutes
Professor Julius E. Olson University of Illinois
3. Gerd and the Ice Church, a Brief Survey, with Speical Reference to Ortho-
graphy and Foreign Influence--15 minutes
Professor George T. Flom
4. General Discussion
5. The Family in Bjornson's Tales
Professor A. M. Sturtevant

Appointment of committees

At five o'clock--visit to the Newberry Library, discussion of the subject, "The Situation," led by Prefessor A. A. Stomberg

Second Session

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 A. M.

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Report of the secretary-treasurer

Report of editor

New business

Election of officers

Reading of papers resumed:

6. Unpublished Letters of H. W. Longfellow to His Danish Friends--15 minutes
Professor George T. Flom

7. Summary of Shakespeare in Denmark, by Dr. M. B. Ruud--10 minutes
Professor A. A. Stomberg

8. Summary of Swedish Instruction in High Schools, by Miss Vendla Wahlin
Lindsborg--10 minutes

Professor Joseph Alxis

The Student Singers of New England gave an excellent concert.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 8, 1918.

SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

The Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study held its eighth annual meeting at the University of Chicago last Friday. The Society wishes to incorporate the study of Scandinavian in grade and high schools throughout the country, just as has been done here in Chicago. Lectures on this subject were given by Professor Julius Olsen and Professor Flom. Later in the evening Professor Olsen opened a discussion on methods by which the Society could aid in promoting a better understanding between Scandinavians and Americans. Among the speakers of the evening were Judge Oscar Torrison and Professor Mauritzon.

A review of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" was given by Professor Hollander. He also discussed Oehlenschlaeger's "Aladdin". A lengthy discussion followed. Professor Alexis opened a discussion on the relation between Americanism and the study of Scandinavian in America. Professor Olsen was assigned to

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write a paper about August Strindberg; Professor Schofield was asked to write on Jonas Lie, Alexander Kjelland, Arne Garborg, and Bjornson. Senator Nelson will write on the Norwegian merchant marine.

Among the Chicago residents elected to the new board are A. G. S. Josephson, Professor C. Martin Alsaser, Professor Larsen, Professor Elmquist, and J. M. C. Hanson.

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Scandia, Aug. 27, 1917.

[HONOR ALMA MATER IN OLD COUNTRY]

This coming Sunday, September 2, the Norwegian Students Association of Chicago will hold its annual social in honor of its alma mater. The social will probably be held, this year as last, at the Norwegian Cafe, West North Avenue, and the committee is inviting all the students of the Christiania University, Norway, to announce their participation.

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Scandia, Sept. 30, 1916.

THE NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION

The Norwegian Department gave a literary evening at the Humboldt Park Community House with the following program:

"Our Department".Cecilia Gerner
"Norwegian Music".Dina Conradi
"Reminiscences of Norwegian Pioneer Life in Chicago"Helga Sethness
"Our Norwegian Women's Societies".Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen
"Our Club House".Julia Walther

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 2, 1915.

NORWEGIAN LITERARY CLUB

A few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nelson invited a group of friends to their home, 2514 Spaulding Avenue. All of the guests were interested in books. Miss Lucille Le Furgey, gave a talk on Ibsen's, The Lady of the Sea. The people present were so taken by this clear and interesting talk that they at once decided to organize a literary club, and meet once a month. It was also decided to read and discuss all the works of Ibsen, Bjornson, and other Scandinavian authors. The Club will also cover other European literature. The Club has fifty members and more men and women join at each meeting.

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Scandia, Oct. 10, 1914.

THE NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

One of the things that will insure the success of the new "Norwegian Women's Club" is the fact that many of the "Colony's" leading people are interested in building up this organization.

Many of the people active in promoting its literary policy are well qualified for this task.

We will mention a few: Mrs. Julia G. Walther, Mrs. Scholdager-Armbruster, Mrs. Marie Wingard, Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen, Mrs. Inger Scholdager, Mrs. Marion Wold, Miss Marie Ruud, Dr. Marie Olsen, and Dr. Helga Ruud.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 19, 1914.

AURORA BOREALIS LITERARY SOCIETY

One of the largest women's literary societies celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last night. The Aurora Borealis Lodge has a membership of twenty women who are interested in literature, art, and music.

The Lodge was organized in 1889 by Mrs. Erica Philfeldt. A large number of Scandinavian books were purchased, and all of them were read and discussed. These ladies were interested in prose and poetry alike, and many were the interesting discussions held during the long winter nights.

Today, Aurora Borealis has over two thousand books. When new books are bought, a certain number of the old ones are raffled; in this way, the society is enabled to secure new books regularly.

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[SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY AT THE]
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Scandinavian Society at the University of Chicago held its quarterly meeting last Friday. The president, Mr. H. Lofberg, presided. Chief Justice Harry Olsen [Swede], Reverend Tyrrel of the Augustana Synod's Mission, and Mr. Carlton, librarian of the Newberry Library, were the main speakers.

Justice Harry Olsen spoke at length on the hardships of the Scandinavian immigrant. Reverend Tyrrel spoke on the unity among the Danes, Norwegians, and Swedes. Mr. Carlton gave an analysis of Henrik Ibsen, and stressed the importance of reading his works, especially his dramas.

Mr. Carlton, by the way, is a genuine Yankee. He has studied the three Scandinavian languages and speaks them all as fluently as a native. He says:

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"I was prompted to study the Scandinavian languages for one reason only, and that was to be able to read Ibsen and other Scandinavian authors in the original." Mr. Carlton is of the opinion that the literature of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, and Finland is the root of European culture. He states that Scandinavian literature is even greater than that of Spain, Germany, and France.

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Scandia, Sept. 7, 1912.

NORWEGIAN STUDENTS HONOR THEIR ALMA MATER

Norwegian students of Chicago honored their Alma Mater, on Sept. 2nd at the club rooms of the Chicago Norwegian Club. Twenty former students of the Christiana (Norway) University gathered for a reunion banquet honoring their old school. The senior student of the group was Ivan Doe, who graduated from the C. U. 51 years ago and the baby of the group was student Dybing, a second year student, who is now in Chicago studying dentistry.

Among the students were also Dr. Warloe and Dr. Holmboe, (who had arranged the banquet). Emil Midelfart, Dr. Doe, engineer Nygaard and editor Sundby Hausen of Scandia.

The reunion was such a success and so pleasant that it was unanimously decided to hold a like affair on Sept. 2nd every year. Mr. Doe was chosen chairman and Dr. Doe (brother) vice chairman of the alumni association and banquet committee.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 31, 1909.

AURORA BOREALIS IS TWENTY YEARS OLD
The First Norwegian Literary Society Celebrates

Aurora Borealis, the first Norwegian female literary society, yesterday celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a banquet at the home of Mrs. Agot Johnson, 666 North Hoyne Avenue. The Society has set for itself the task of spreading knowledge of Norwegian literature; it can have no more than twenty members; it was organized by Mrs. E. Pihlfeldt, Mrs. S. Mathiesen, Mrs. C. Arnet, Miss Svanoë, M. D., Miss F. Horstad, Mrs. A. Ibenfeldt, and Mrs. Selma Lunde.

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The present board of directors consists of Mrs. C. Anderson, president; Mrs. T. Holt, vice-president; Mrs. Anna Hansen, treasurer.

At eight o'clock the members took their places about the tables. . . .Mrs.



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Johnson had decorated the tables tastily with evergreens and with Norwegian and American flags. The ladies who assisted in the preparations were praised for their work. The president, Mrs. Carl Anderson. . . . welcomed the participants, especially the men who were the guests of honor. Mrs. Cecilie Gerner gave the following speech in honor of the day:

"I have the impression that we have arrived at the zenith of the day of life, from which point we have a better view of the past and the future than we had in our days of youth, that period when one is racing enthusiastically up the hillsides and mountainsides toward the ideals that one wishes to reach in order to bring home the victory. Youth is magnificent. We do not wish to deprive youth of a single hope, a solitary enjoyment. The ideals of youth are immortal, for they spring anew in every young girl and in every young man. Perhaps, also, every new generation arrives somewhat closer to the realization of these ideals than did the previous one.

"Well, how far did we get? Did we reach our goal? Did we manage to ac-



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compleish that of which we were dreaming? Did we attain happiness? Perhaps on reaching one after the other of the glittering goals they appeared to us as mere mirages, fata morgana! But if through these we found the real values, if we discovered the great secret that joy has its origin within, that happiness consists in giving rather than in receiving, then we did attain happiness.

"If life has taught us charity and understanding and sympathy for all the children of men; if it has taught us to be mild in our judgment about others and stern only in our demand on ourselves; if life has taught us to be faithful in the little things, to do that which we found for our hands to do, and do it well; if the sorrows of life have cleansed our souls' windows, as it were, then our lives have not been lived in vain.

"It was stated at our tenth anniversary celebration that Aurora Borealis was a ten-year-old girl. On that basis she would now be a young woman of twenty--the flower opened to the sun and to life, wondering, waiting for



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the wonderful! Yet, even though we grow far past the twenty we still retain this attitude of wonder, of waiting for the wonderful; this profound, indescribable longing in every human soul never desists; I believe it grows stronger as the years go by. Some call this longing the quest for happiness; others call it the quest for God. We seek to satisfy it through love, through religion, through work, through art, through study, and it is at this point that Aurora Borealis, the literary club, becomes significant. This is the principle which has held us together for twenty years. We have not reached far; we have not accomplished anything remarkable; we are not even of the women's suffrage movement--we are merely women who for twenty years have been able so far to rise above the everyday life so that we could gather about books. This much I know, that when we are to summarize the various individual sums in our lives, the Literary Club must be counted in. Besides, the Literary Club has had this significance: it has preserved Norway for us and within us, Norway, our Norway, its culture and its thinking."

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From two of the other literary societies, Vala and Glint came telegrams
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Skandinaven, Oct. 12, 1907.

[SOCIAL]

The Evanston literary society, Fram (Advance), had a social at Connor's Hall last Thursday, to which more than one hundred people attended. Andrew Junl, instead of Consul Gade, was the orator of the day. The latter, who was scheduled to speak, had to go to Milwaukee on business.

The program, devoted mostly to singing and music included. Sigvard Borgen, who sang a few funny songs which were received with applause. The female members of the society served an excellent lunch. Eight new members were received. The music was by Ludw Haugan's Music Corps.



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Skandinaven, June 25, 1904.

[HOLD SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL]

The Norwegian Reading Club had a very successful St. Hans Festival in the Norwegian Turner Hall, 586 California Avenue. The hall and the garden were decorated with flags and lanterns. The Norwegian Singing Society entertained the crowd.

Skandinaven, Feb. 7, 1904.

[PLAN SERIES OF FOUR LECTURES]

(Summary)



"The Norwegian League" is going to give four public lectures in the Schley School, Leavitt Street and Patomac Avenue. Professor Julius C. Olsen from Wisconsin University is to speak in English about the four foremost Norwegian authors: Henrik Ibsen, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, Jonas Lie and Arne Garborg. This will give all Norwegian-Americans a chance to get acquainted with their own authors at home.

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Chicago Tribune, Jan. 3, 1893.

SCANDINAVIANS GATHERING A LIBRARY

The Scandinavian Literary Society of Chicago is a newly incorporated club which has just opened quarters in the Schiller Bldg.

While the main purpose will be the accumulation of a library of rare Scandinavian books and the cultivation of national literature and lore, it will have the distinctive features of a social and exclusive club.

It already has about one-hundred members, including the leading and wealthiest representatives of the race in the city. Its spacious rooms are in the Schiller Building and are handsomely **outfitted**. A. E. Roewas, who won The Tribune competitive prize for municipal colors, is the librarian, and he says that in order to give this library a standing among Chicago libraries it has been decided to direct special attention to collecting such works from the

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Chicago Tribune, Jan. 3, 1893.

rich Scandinavian literature, both in print and manuscript, as are not to be found in the present public libraries. Special attention will also be paid to the securing of works of Scandinavian authors in other languages and the works of foreign authors pertaining to Scandinavian history and culture. In connection with the library there will be a reading-room to be furnished with magazines and newspapers. The officers of the society, which also constitute a Board of Directors, are: Axel J. Wessman, President; Anton M. Kolderup, First Vice-Pres; John Rasmussen, Second Vice-Pres; Alfred C. Garde, Recording Sec'y; Gustav Siostrom, Cor. Sec'y; S. J. Christensen, Treasurer; A. J. Roewad, Librarian. The seal of the club is the municipal design with the monogram S.L.S., the whole surmounted by a phoenix. As Scandinavia historically, as well as in literature and language, comprise the Kingdoms of Sweden, Norway and Denmark; the officers are about equally selected from the three countries. The President this year is a Swede, the First Vice-President a Norwegian, and the second a Dane.

Skandinaven. (Daily Edition), Sept. 2, 1892.

THE SCANDINAVIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

Last night a large group of Scandinavians met in the Sherman House. There, after much discussion, the Scandinavian Literary Society was organized.

The purpose of the society is to unite all the Scandinavian people, around Art, Literature and Music. The capital already subscribed is over \$10,000.

The following officers were elected:

Dr. Balthazar Meyer, chairman; Mr. Sverre Lie, recording secretary; Axel Wessman, president; A. C. Garde, financial secretary; O. C. Hansen, cashier.

The organizer is Anton Koldrup.



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Skandinaven, Dec. 16, 1882.

SCANDINAVIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

Chicago's first Scandinavian literary society has been organized with a very large membership. The society hopes to perpetuate Scandinavian culture through lectures, readings and discussions.



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DANISH-NORWEGIAN LITERATURE

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Danish-Norwegian literature ranks third in the number of books in the Chicago Public Library; German literature ranks first. Last year 464,426 Polish books were loaned at the Library; German, 379,900; Bohemian, 31,312; Jewish, 20,344; Danish-Norwegian, 14,378; Swedish, 2,643.

Of the foreign language groups, as we stated before, the Danish-Norwegian section is the third largest. The Danish-Norwegian loan of books was seven times as large as the Swedish.

Where do most of the Chicago Norwegians live? Let us judge by the number of Norwegian volumes in branch libraries: Humboldt Park, 5,761; North and Crawford Avenues, 4,148; Logan Square, 2,763. The largest number of Swedish volumes in a branch library is 390.

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Scandia, Oct. 20, 1923.

TRIBUTE TO JOHAN BOJER

Following is a part of the speech delivered by Jean Parker Holm, well-known Norwegian-American writer, in honor of Johan Bojer:

"I, too, want to express not only my appreciation, but the appreciation of all the Norwegians here in Chicago of Johan Bojer and his writings, and I shall be happy if, in expressing myself, I can convey some of the great wave of respect and appreciation that has extended far beyond the confines of Scandinavian peoples. In my association with the Press Club and the Pen and Brush Club, and in more infinite contact with men of letters wherever people have gathered in the name of literature, I have found Johan Bojer to be the man of the hour. So profound an impression is seldom made by an author during his lifetime. I shall speak, therefore--without regard for where we are or under whose auspices we are--directly upon his work, and directly to Mr. Bojer.

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"Five years ago, having been an omnivorous reader, I came abruptly to the decision that I should give no more time to wasteful reading. The decision has eliminated most fiction. In these five years three novels alone have claimed my attention: first, the English novel, The Cloister and the Hearth, which is a study coming into cosmic consciousness, unexcelled in height and depth; second, Hamsun's Dreamers, noted for its exquisite fragile style which is in reality a superb rendering of behavioristic psychology (outdoing D'Annunczio who, until now, was accredited the master thereof); third, The Last of the Vikings by Johan Bojer. As the first is a study of the soul, the next a sketch of rough, yet subtle psychology, revealed by deft, unerring surface strokes, the last is an exhaustive study, a glorious revelation of the heart. I have been asked, when speaking thus of the book to those who have not read it, 'Is it, then, a love story?' The answer can only be an emphatic 'yes'. For when he has finished the book, the reader is more filled with love for the characters than he can comfortably endure.

"While there is much world-challenging art in Norway and among our Norwegian-

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American writers here, in literature, music, and sculpture chiefly, here speaks a new tongue. If a Dickens could come to England and so write as to convey his own great love for all of his characters; and not only that, but to awaken in his world-wide readers the same great love, such a thing can happen again, and has now happened in Norway; and this is, I believe, the secret of the great contemporary recognition that Bojer's work has aroused.

"That this should happen in Norway is perhaps a surprise to the Norwegians themselves, for any conscious analysis of the impulse of tenderness for one's fellow man is less usual there than among the Latin races, but there is no place where more radiant love is unconsciously expressed than in Norway. Now, at last, this is immortalized for all the world to share, and this in the most difficult, the most cumbersome, most easily misunderstood medium in usage--words.

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"I would like to speak briefly of the consummate style by which the artist causes you to share his own feelings, whether one accepts the Latin concept of poetry as a form identical with the spirit of the meaning, or our more metaphysical American idea that 'poetry is thought, packed tight for a long journey,' or Tolstoy's insistence upon the imagination that the greatest poetry is that which gives you the widest range of impressions in the shortest compass. I declare the touching chapter devoted to each fisherman's privacy while gazing into his "home chest", to be in its purity and exhaltation, poetry of the grand style. Given the impressions that lead up to this climax, the climax itself fills and distends one's consciousness. One must feel and experience a sense of expansion in order to contain such a wealth and variety of united motifs as in the crescendo of a rich and overwhelming fugue.

And again in the simplicity and naturalness of sequence, by which each

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IV heroic nobility, this artist stands unparalleled.

It is recorded of Wergeland that at his moment of transition from what was for him a field of arduous labor, a great vision broke upon him, and he saw as by special revelation the all-transferring love of his compatriots, and declared in ecstatic gratitude, 'I am borne to heaven on a cloud of the love of the people'. May I add that for anyone who here in this life can recognize the love of his fellow men, it is unnecessary to wait for this moment of transition, or to leave his chosen field of activity, for he is already in heaven. His immortality knows no postponement.

For Mr. Bojer, I would wish the deepest satisfaction in the great tide of appreciation that has risen in his contemporaries, and an ever-increasing inspiration for the work in which he so excels--the uncovering of the sublime in human nature."

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LAUGHING AT WEBLEN

(Editorial)

Another example of the difficulty which literary people have in waking up into the age of science is the attitude of Frank Harris and H. L. Mencken toward the works of Professor Thorstein Veblen. Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class is one of the two or three original and indispensable additions to the understanding of mankind in society that have been made in the lifetime of these critics. It is a book the fundamental ideas of which have become common currency in the intercourse of all alert men of scientific mind. Indeed, I do not see how any one who is interested in general truth can do without it, once he has made its ideas his own. But "literary" people have rather a pale interest in general truth. Their interest is in particular experiences. The apprehension of general truth is a particular experience, and as such they usually judge it. If it does not make something of a poetic "go" among their emotions, they reject it offhand, the idea of general verification being foreign to the whole aim and tenor of their lives. I am putting this in extreme language, but hardly

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extreme enough to explain the contemptuous attitude of two men as brainy as Frank Harris and H. L. Mencken toward Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class. Veblen is not only an "original thinker"; he is also, without a doubt, the most learned man in the United States, the most perspicaciously learned, and that too makes their attitude toward his intellect a little hard to explain.

As to their attitude toward his literary style, I do not know what can explain it. I thought that everybody who has a lively appreciation even of contemporary literature knew that Veblen is a Satirist. Aristophanes went up into the clouds, Plato to the moon, Voltaire to another planet, Rabelais among the giants, Swift to the Lilliputians, and Anatole France to the penguins, in order to make fun of human nature from a distance and with playful indirectness. With the same motive Thorstein Veblen goes up into a realm of ineffable abstraction--and with the same success, for those who have sufficient mental energy to follow him. It makes us smile to hear these critics poking fun at Veblen's big words when Veblen with his big words is only more delicately poking fun at them, and himself, and the whole pretentious race of mankind to

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which we all have the ridiculous folly to belong. I do not mean to give unqualified endorsement to Veblen as an artist. I think that he has conceived and created an absolutely new and original literary flavor, and in many passages he has achieved it to the point of perfection; but upon the whole his performance is careless, impatient; he is not sure; he is not the master of what he is doing. Like most Americans in art, he is satisfied with a half performance. And in many cases he is not an artist at all and deserves to be condemned from the standpoint of his own achievement. But to judge him in the essence of that achievement as anything but an artist in irony seems surprising in critics as proud of their perception as Menchen and Frank Harris. They remind me, with their serious jokes on Veblen's style, of the man who was advised by a neighbor to pull down his blinds.

"I saw you getting into bed with your wife last night," said the neighbor.

"That's a good joke on you," replied the husband. "I was out of town last night."

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 11, 1920.

O. K. RICE

The following song has been written by O. K. Rice and set to music; it is now one of the most frequently sung of local songs.

NORWAY

Tell me, tell me, if you can,
Why my heart is ever longing
For the rough and rocky land
And the cold and stormy strand,
For the coast of Norway.

Give me wings, that I may fly
Over mountain, vale, and ocean,
Till I see where Norway lies,
Round its coast the sea in motion,
All around the coast of Norway.

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Here I sit of Norway dreaming,
Visions through my memory streaming
Of my youthful happy days.
Comrades all around me play
In my thoughts of Norway.

Half a century is past
Since I saw the tow'ring rocks,
And the time is flying fast,
Like the rapid mountain brooks
Flowing in the land of Norway.

When at last my days are ended,
And my soul, of matter free,
To the welkin has ascended,
Will its longing then be ended
For the rocky coast of Norway?

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BOOK SURVEY

An Inquiry into the Nature of Peace and the Terms of its
Perpetuation. By Thorstein Veblen.

Our renowned compatriot Thorstein Veblen has presented us with a substantial, thoughtful book to which I wish to direct the attention of the readers of this paper. The book treats of the greatest question and one which at the present time will catch the public interest. It is hardly presumptuous to prophesy that the book will win the greatest attention in wide circles.

Through three works issued earlier, Professor Veblen has proven himself an independent, original thinker who does not just follow the beaten track in his field. His "Theory of the Leisure Class" in one group gave him an enviable position in the field of economics. In his two later books, "The Instinct of Workmanship

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and the State of the Industrial Arts," and "Imperial Germany and the Industrial Revolution," he followed up the victory he had won. And the near future will hardly witness an exposition of the cause of peace, that will be more inclusive or more profound than the book which I am discussing.

In regard to the method and objective of the book, a quotation of the preface given there will serve. Having quoted Kant's renowned treatise, "Zum ewigen Frieden," which claims that a lasting peace will come some day because nature itself seems to be moving in that direction, he continues: "The quest of perpetual peace at large is no less a paramount and intrinsic human duty than it was, nor is it at all certain that its final accomplishment is nearer. But the question of its pursuit and of the conditions to be met in seeking this goal lies in a different shape today; and it is this question that concerns the inquiry which is here undertaken.....What, if anything, is there in the present situation that visibly makes for a realization of

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these necessary terms within a calculable future? And what are the consequences presumably due to follow in the nearer future from the installation of such a peace at large? And the answer to these questions is here sought not in terms of what ought dutifully to be done toward the desired consummation, but rather in terms of those known factors of human behavior that can be shown by analysis of experience to control the conduct of nations in conjectures of this kind."

There are seven chapters in the book.

In the first is discussed the problem of the state in its relation toward war and peace.

Chapter two, treats of the nature and the application of patriotism.

Chapter three, deals with the conditions for lasting peace. Lasting peace is probable

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only if aggressive states made harmless through the introduction of democratic government - unless submission to their over-lordship be preferred. This latter possibility is treated in.

Chapter four, painting the conditions consequent on such peace, with biting irony.

Chapter five, takes up for consideration the question of peace and neutrality. Will it be possible to internationalize certain national prerogatives such as protective tariff, commercial navy, colonies, or even those accepted privileges inherent in citizenship - matters which under the rules of today may easily draw nations into the maelstrom of war.

Chapter Six, deals with the problem of elimination of the unfit. Lasting peace presupposes the abolition of imperialism in government, the doing away with all the implements or arrangements for war, the nullification of all national debts, the confiscation of such industries and resources as have made war possible. All this to

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be taken care of by a league of neutral states with an international police force strong enough to take action against possible rebellious states.

In chapter seven, "Peace and the Price System" the author, finally, gives an interesting exposition of the probable development, industrial and cultural, under the projected eternal peace among the nation.

The whole book is permeated by a spirit of liberalism and democracy. It is a book which ought to be read by the thoughtful of all classes.

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DRUGGIST IS ALSO AUTHOR

p.4. The command "the cobbler is not to go beyond his last" is not applicable to a druggist, according to H. W. Brunn, our Norwegian North Avenue Apothecary. Mr. Brunn is the author of a short story entitled "Within the Law" in the August 3rd issue of "The Cavalier," published by Munsey's of New York. The scene of action is laid partly in Chicago and partly on a river boat on the Mississippi. Mr. Brunn's literary contribution has been favorably received by several prominent critics.

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[NEW BOOK ON IBSEN]

Our well known pianist and composer, Sophie Bull, who also writes under the pen-name of Carle Brantung, has practically finished her new book on Henrik Ibsen. She has made an intensive study of this great author's life and works, and her book reveals numerous details ignored by other writers. Individually, they seem of little importance, but collectively, they become fraught with meaning and are an important integral part of a grand whole.

Scandia, July 8, 1911.

LITERATURE

It is interesting to note just what literature the Norwegians here read. We find that certain Scandinavian authors are preferred.

We give below a list of the most popular authors: Bjornstjerne Bjornson, Knut Hamsun, Bernt Lie, Peter Egge, Jacob B. Bull, Thomas Krag, Johan Bojer, Olaf Benneche, Jacob Hilditch, Vilhelm Kras, Hans Aanrud, Alvilda Prydz, Hans Kinck, Johan Falkberset, Andreas Haukland, Gabrie Scott, Arne Garborg, Ragnhilo Jolsen, Mons Lie, Sigrid Unseth, Otto Valseth, Kristian Elster, Jr., Gunnar Heiberg, and Anders Hovden.

It is interesting to note that such a writer as Arne Garborg is eighteenth on the list and that Anders Hovden is last. It is also interesting to see Knut Hamsun as number two, while Johan Bojer is seventh, and Sigrid Unseth is twenty-second.

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Scandia, April 22, 1911.[NEW BOOK POPULAR]

p.2.....A new book, by Prof. Gran, is taking Chicago's Norwegian Colony by storm. The book is on the life of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the grand old man of Norway, who is referred to as Norway's uncrowned king. Much hitherto unknown about this wonderful character is revealed in this publication and one cannot realize what a truly great man Bjornson really was until one reads this book. The intimate portrayal of the characteristics, ideas and accomplishments of Bjornson will stir the heart of every Norseman.

The book is entitled "Hovdingen" (The Chief) and although it sells at such a low price (.25¢) its educational value is many times that amount. Scandia heartily recommends the reading of this work by all who are interested in obtaining arithmetic knowledge of the world's truly great men.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 18, 1911.

THE SINGER'S PRAYER

(Translated from the Norwegian poem of J. S. Willhaven by
Oscar Gunderson)

Lord of souls, I grant Thy power
Over gifts bestowed on me.
Show but mercy in the hour
When my song shall cease to be!
For my heart is trembling ever
Untold thoughts are resting never,
Pondering life's eternal riddle.

Take away the singer's harp,
Fling it to oblivion's shore;
If but in that vernal far land
Thou my voice improved restore;
If but there Thy throne before us,

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 18, 1911.

I may join that lofty chorus
Swelling to the harps of heaven.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 11, 1910.

"DADDY WAS A HUSTLER"
(A Burlesque on Fedraminn)

Of late, we have had numerous contributions sent to the columns of our paper: articles, poetry, translations, etc., many of them anonymous. Much of this material is good, so we pass it on to our readers. Someday we hope to know who the authors are, and we hope that they will come out in the open.

That Daddy was a hustler
And here in worldly strife
A rough-and-ready rustler,
Who led a strenuous life.
This always should remind us
To hump to beat the band,
That we may leave behind us
Some footprints in the sand.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 11, 1910.

He was a record breaker,
For so the sagas run;
He was a fluent speaker
And handy with a gun.
You never heard him grumble,
Nor of his lot complain,
And if he took a tumble
He soon was up again.

In France he was dictator,
And taught them how to fight,
As bard and navigator,
He was simply out of sight.
He led at every function,
Was to himself a law
And ruled without injunction,
From Nome to Panama.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 11, 1910.

But Pa passed over yonder
As everybody must;
They squandered all the plunder
And I must raise the dust.
I have a tired feeling,
Which words can ne'er express.
His greatness is concealing
My magnitude, I guess.

But meadows are in clover,
The fields grow corn and rice,
We sail the ocean over,
Without cutting any ice.
The skies are blue and bonnie,
The mountain peaks are high,

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And you just bet your money,
We'll get there if we try.

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[NEW BOOK]

p.5.col.2... Holfdan Koht has published a new book "Pengemagt og Arbrid i Amerika" (Capitalism and Labor in America) now on sale at Lund's Book Store at the modest price of 85¢.

It is surprising what one pair of eyes can discover in so short a time as eight months, especially when the owner of said eyes has an uncanny ability to appraise and portray what has been seen.

Prof. Koht has made every hour of the eight months he has spent here count. The result is the aforementioned book. He paints a realistic picture of the power of money and the depressing influence on the condition of the worker in general. His portrayal of our trusts and their influence on the social and economical structure of the country is clear and convincing. His analysis of methods and maneuvers employed by Standard Oil and other industrial octopuses to eliminate all competition is evidence of close and intelligent observation. The book is written in the language of the working man--no high sounding phraseology, and is in itself a clear history of the development and results of the present social structure. In brief this book is a real education in political economy and could profitably be translated in several languages.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 10, 1903.

[SELAND VISITS CHICAGO]
(Summary)



Hans Seland, Norway's great author, is visiting all Norwegian settlements. He was also requested to stop at Chicago and read some of his own writings. During his stay here in town he was the guest of the latter, Paul C. Stensland.

Scandia, Dec. 20, 1902.

NORWEGIAN POEMS

Scandia has published a number of Norwegian poems translated into English. These translations are considered the best that have as yet been published. Below is a list of the poems published. Below is a list of the poems published so far; more are to follow.

Poems by Bjornson:

Selections from "En Glad Gut" (A Happy Youth)
Selections from "Arne"
Selections from "The Fisher Maiden"
Selections from "A Southern Cloister"

Poems by Ibsen:

"Terje Visen"
"The Murder of Abraham Lincoln"

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"Misunderstandings"

"The Mountaineer"

"The Bird Catcher"

"Thanks"

"To My Friend the Revolutionary Speaker"

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 26, 1900.

[NEW LITERARY ATTEMPT]

Mr. Sigvard Sorensen, who holds a prominent position at the Newberry Library, celebrated his thirty-sixth birthday last Thursday evening with some friends at his home, 738 North Leavitt Street. At the richly served supper, Mr. Henry Ibsen acted as toastmaster, and Dr. A. T. Boyesen made a speech in honor of Mr. Sorensen. Mr. Alexander Kielland, Jr. spoke in honor of Norway, and Dr. Lindos in honor of Mr. Sorensen.

Mr. Henry Ibsen read a literary piece recently completed by Mr. Sorensen, but which is still in manuscript form. The title of the work is a secret, temporarily. Both the work and the reading of it evoked strong applause. Afterwards, the guests gathered about the punch bowl and the most genial sentiment prevailed.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 12, 1899.

A BIT ABOUT BOOKS

The people must read more books. Without books cultural life becomes worthless; it is the book that broadens and develops the mind. I do not know a lot about literature, but I want to do my bit to keep up the discussion in these columns.

Every young man and young woman should have a collection of books, and it must be a collection of good books. Today books can be had for little money and a well-equipped, library will not cost very much. And our friends who cannot afford to buy books should have the use of our library.

In the choice of books, much care should be used, and such authors as Ibsen, Bjornson, Lie, Lagerlof, Bull, Dracktman, Holberg, Zola, Dumas Merimee, Tolstoy, Shakespeare, Dickens, Twain, and many, many others should be found in every well-selected library. Pick the best, read the best, and you will profit by it.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 24, 1899.

NOVEL READING

It is hard to believe that novels afford much practical aid to men and women in the various trials and tribulations of this mortal life. The modern story hinges almost entirely upon love, and interesting as this topic is, especially to women, there are many crises in real life into which it does not enter as an element. There can be no doubt that headstrong men have often been lead on to dishonesty and disgrace, and weak women to folly and ruin, by insane tales of heroes who ought to be wearing the striped garments of a state prison, and heroines who would be fit inmates of a lunatic asylum.

Yet a story may be full of wildly sensational and highly improbable incidents without being wholly worthless. Many eminent men have found pleasure in the perusal of such stories. Their well-constructed plots and ingeniously concealed mysteries keep the reader's attention, and the rapid succession of startling events weans him from the contemplations of his own cares, sorrows, and perplexities.



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Honest attempts by writers of competent literary skill to give clear and truthful pictures of healthy, wholesome lives, of difficulties bravely met, of courage, virtue, and endurance, are not aiming at a fictitious glamour derived from depraved and fast life--tales such as these are to be emphatically condemned. But many widely read stories are by no means of this description.

It is said that the tales printed in the common weekly papers have almost unvaried themes: a girl of humble birth but great beauty, loved by a man of rank and wealth whom, after extraordinary difficulties and all sorts of opposition from misguided parents or guardians, she eventually marries. Into the future history of the ill-mated couple the writers wisely do not inquire and the readers are equally incurious.

The attractiveness of these stories which are, we believe, largely read by nursemaids, milliners' apprentices and other girls in the humbler walks of life, consists in holding out hopes, foredoomed to defeat, of a great



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rise in the social scale. The reader is thus made discontented with the daily round of humdrum duties and unexciting work that falls to the lot of the vast majority of us all.

The novel of passion, however artistic may be its workmanship, is little to be commended for its spiritual results. Whether merely sensuous, like The Quick and the Dead, or full, like the average French novel, of illicit love and marital infidelity, it is likely to excite prurient desires and to fill the reader's mind with unholy images; to teach men and women to have low ideas of each other; to foster the belief that any man may be ensnared by an unscrupulous coquette, and that every woman has her price.

Novels are works of the imagination, and it ill becomes those whom nature has showered with a brilliant fancy to employ it in sapping the principles, uprooting beliefs, and imperiling the moral sanity of their less gifted fellow mortals. "We are as liable to be corrupted by books as by companions."



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Scandia, Oct. 15, 1927.

WHY NOT READ MORE?

by

Sigrid Hakstad

Chicago Public Library.

Why is it that the Danes and the Norwegians do not read the new Scandinavian literature recently received at the public library? It is depressing to see the shelves full of good books, standing there day in and day out, and never read. We, the Scandinavians at the library, almost have to use force to get our people to read Scandinavian books. The library spends, annually, quite a big sum of money, both in Norway and Denmark, for new books. Last year, three thousand volumes of Danish and Norwegian books were bought--a broad selection to suit every reader, classical, historical, "dishwater stories" and detective fiction. Also a great number, of travel books, biographies and lyrical books. The library also has thousands of volumes of drama. We have, for example, Elster's "History of Scandinavian Literature," never

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read by anyone. "The History of Norway, in twenty volumes--no, one reads it.

I feel that it is an illusion that our Scandinavian-Americans read a lot. Just an illusion, a beautiful illusion.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 6, 1907.

ULABRAND IS ACTIVE.

The young peoples' society, Ulabrand, which this fall has started a series of free lectures, (a sort of university extension course), has begun activity in another field; it is now busy building up a library consisting mainly of Scandinavian literature.

The members have donated a considerable number of books, and the library committee expects - within a not-too-long period - to have a library worthy of the society. Mr. Abrahamsen, the president of the National Association, is chairman of the committee, so there is every reason to believe that the work will be as successful as the members of Ulabrand expect.

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Skandinaven, Nov. 24, 1905.

[STENSLAND DONATES LIBRARY]

Paul O. Stensland, bank president bought J.Z. Torgersen's library of eight-hundred volumes for \$3,000.00. He donated them to the Scandinavian Young Men's Christian Society. A very noble deed.

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Skandinaven, (Daily Edition), May 19, 1883.

SCANDINAVIAN CULTURE

Most of the Scandinavian organizations have libraries with many volumes of books of an excellent quality. Some of the societies publish papers, and all sponsor lectures which have proved beneficial.

There is at this time an idea being discussed which should be interesting if it materializes; namely, the organization of a radical political club. The proposed name is "The Karl Marx Club." Of course, those joining this club for the most part will be the social Democrats who had to leave Denmark, Norway, and Sweden suddenly. A club of this kind should find many supporters among the Democratic element here, but we feel that the Republicans would fight any organization of this type, so we may or may not live to see this club organized.



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Skandinaven, March 20, 1872.

[PROTEST NAMING OF PASTORS]

With all due respect for Norwegian pastors and in behalf of my countrymen, I object emphatically against having any pastor appointed as director for any library. Poor Mayor Medill, if you do appoint ministers for such jobs, I am afraid the church will excommunicate you. Don't send the minister in the fight for the free library.

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ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Amund Fjortoft writes that in spite of the fact that engineers belong to the wandering tribe, still a good many stayed at home and have formed an interested and hard working nucleus around which we will carry on. We not only intend to increase our membership but also the importance of our society, professionally and socially. In February, we had the pleasure of getting acquainted with the new acting counsel in Chicago, Mr. Alex Berg, who talked on South Africa. He convinced us that it was the only land of promise left. We were all on the verge of packing up, until he mentioned that capital was the most essential baggage. On March 7, the society gave its annual dinner - dance which was very successful; a surplus of \$1.48 was the cause for great rejoicing. Later in the month the chief chemist for the Sanitary District, Mr. Holman, talked on the latest developments in sewage treatment plants, a very actual subject these days. On our membership meeting in April, Mr. A. I. Appleton talked on Russia. The accompanying discussion brought out many diverging views on the subject. We finished the season with a stag party on May 28th.

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Scandia, May 9, 1935.

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

by

Edward Anderson

In a recent issue of Scandia an article appeared about the Norwegian-American Historical Society. Apparently it was intended as an advertisement, with the object of seeking new members. This objective probably will not have the desired effect, inasmuch as the many reflections cast upon representative men and women will be ignored.

It may be of interest to analyze some of the remarks contained in this article, and also remember that those men and women probably are more capable to pass their own judgment on the subject than the author. Just what do you mean when you refer to super-patriotic leaders? You cannot

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be loyal to two countries--why this sarcasm? Norwegian-Americans, being citizens of this country, can only be loyal to this country; however no one doubts that they have the highest regard for the country where their parents came from, or probably were born themselves.

You further state; "a discussion was held in Chicago to settle the question as to whether the Norwegian-Americans had a culture of their own, and that this discussion proved to you beyond doubt that, of the type of culture which means intellectual and artistic refinement, there is mighty little of it in our Norwegian-American society." Evidently you have an opinion of your own.

Are you aware of the fact that the Norwegians here as well as abroad, are considered as one of the most interesting and singular groups of people, and that even in the remoter ages of her history she possessed a standard

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of culture such as hardly any other Northern nation could equal--witness the old Norse laws and institutions, and her ancient literature (the Sagas). This opinion has been expressed by well known writers. In other words, your expressions are nothing more or less than a slam. You further state that, "outside of our colleges, there is only one organized effort among Norwegian-Americans whose standard measures are up to par or more, only one enterprise whose achievements are good for every bit of face value, and which we dare lay open to scrutiny without embarrassment." With due credit to the association you refer to, may I remind you that the great number of large Norwegian-American churches in this country are headed by men whose wonderful work you have no right to underestimate.

Now, for the next point, quoting from your article, "Historieaget has in its power to work up Norwegian national consciousness in the second generation,

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and a feeling that would give added richness to American life and culture, were the immigrants better able to instill in their children the true evolution of homeland culture". Just let me say that this is America. This country does not have to seek added richness to life and culture from Norway, neither does Norway have to seek its culture from America.

Are you aware of the fact that true Americans will resent your ideas of bringing Norwegian national consciousness into this country?

Frankly, I do not like the many insinuations in your article; and the way you refer to the immigrants as a peculiar mixture, frequently of immigrant parents, and sneer of things Norwegian, and indulge in vainglorious bragging, is just as ignorant. Now, according to my opinion, any open-minded person's comment on "slams" of this type, in plain English would be rotten.

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The immigrants from Norway have played a very significant part in the building of this country, and I believe it is well to give credit where credit is due. From the man who came here and built his home on the prairie to the man who reached the top as United States Senator, let us honor them without exception. It is easier to tear down than it is to build. I do not believe I am personal if I ask you: Are you in a position to **tell** anyone how to bring up **his children**? Conclusions are easily drawn, **but** it is always well to stop and think before you express opinions. **The** remarks you have heard here and there apparently are nothing more than ordinary gossip.

I believe it would be interesting if you would further explain what you mean when you say: "In these annals, on the contrary they (American **born** generations) will find a wonderfully sober detached chronicle of our nation's life on these shores". The word "our," in this case, naturally refers to

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American shores. This country has its own colorful history, of which we Americans are justly proud. Do you consider it proper to advocate the teachings of homeland culture in this, our United States?

Of course, there are liners leaving this country every week!

Your quotation from Are Frode, reads as follows: "We must write these things down so that later generations shall not believe that we came from slaves and lowly people," what does this have to do with the issue? We are living in the present and for the future. As far as our ancestors are concerned that is history.

In conclusion, I want it understood that this article is not intended to cast any reflection on any organization or person, but may I suggest to you

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that you read more and think less, before you write another article like the one in the previous issue of Scandia.

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Norwegian American Technical Journal, June, 1932,p.4.

FROM THE PRESIDENT ALF, SELROD

Dear fellow members: The whole world is today going through a period of reconstruction. Not only is the map of the world being reconstructed but new forms of government are being established and the standards of living and of thinking are also being lead into new channels. The watchword of today is "progress and unity." The engineers are and rightfully should be the leaders in any work involving reconstruction and development. In order to do justice to work of such importance, the engineers must realize the significance of the word unity.

The aim of the Norwegian Technical Society is to form a nucleus of all Norwegian American architects, engineers and chemists, to raise the standard of their profession and thereby to further the economic and social interest of its members and of others belonging to the same professions. This work has now been going on for several years and will continue for many years to come.

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in order to reach our goal we must however increase our membership which naturally has suffered during the past years of depression. It is the duty of each and every member of the N.A.T.S. not only to advertise, but also to secure at least one new member for our organization. By doing this you are furthering your own interest and also the interest of the Norwegian American Technical Society and its branch organization.

Scandia, Jan. 5, 1929.

CHICAGO NORWEGIAN TECHNICAL SOCIETY

The Chicago Norwegian Technical Society held its regular annual meeting last week. The newly elected executives were installed at this meeting. They were: Anders Nesheim, president; Thomas Petterson, vice-president; Peter Sandved, secretary; Roar Knudsen, treasurer. The new directors are: Christian Bugge, Ivar Viehe-Ness, and Alfred Selrod.

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THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The press has not had much to say about the Norwegian-American Historical Society. This should not give us the impression that this society has not accomplished anything this past year. They have accomplished a lot. We list a few of these accomplishments below.

First, they have published, in 1927, the following books and records:

1. "Studies and Records," Vol. II. 137 pages.
2. "The Norwegian Sailors on the Great Lakes; a chapter in the History of American Inland Transportation." 219 pages, 21 illustrations.
3. "Travel and Description," Series II: Peter Testman's "Account of His Experiences". Norwegian and English Text.

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"Studies and Records" and "Norwegian Sailors" mailed free to members. Peter Testman's book free to sustaining members, to others upon request to Dean J. Jorsen Thompson.

"Studies and Records" is published by the publishing committee, whose chief is Dr. Theodore Blegen. The contributors to these records are the following gentlemen: Martin B. Ruud, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, Jacob Hodnefeld, Dr. Laurence M. Larsen, Dr. George T. Flom, and Professor George M. Stephanson. The records also contain all the minutes of the various meetings held by the Society.

"The Norwegian Sailors on the Great Lakes" has been compiled by Dr. Knut Gieraset and Dr. Blegen. Hundreds of people were interviewed, and actually thousands of documents and records read. But the result has been a document of great historical value to the Norwegian-American people.

Peter Tesman's "Account" is, from the historical angle, a correct and authentic document.

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The cost of "Norwegian Sailors" will be defrayed by A. M. Olsen and Birger Osland. The cost of the other documents was covered by individual donations.

After two years of exhaustive research, the Society can proudly point to the publishing of eight volumes covering Norwegian-American history.

The plans for the future are rather broad. Work has already begun on the following studies:

"Studies and Records," Vol. III. The editorial committee are forever looking for old documents and records that will augment the material at hand.

The finances for Vol. III have already been secured.

The Society is at the present working on a document about the Norwegian immigration to America.

Another volume of great interest is the pioneer preacher Dietrichsen's "Travels

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among Norwegian Immigrants." Dr. Rohme has started the translation of this important work into English.

"Munch-Raeder's Letters, 1847-48" will be translated by Gunnar Malmin. These letters contain very interesting material concerning that period.

Plans are being made for research covering the Norwegian seamen's activities on the Eastern seaboard of the United States. This work will be done by Dr. Knut Gjerset. This will take a lot of money. It is our job to raise the money for this important work.

The Norwegian-American Historical Museum that was opened some time ago, is coming along fine. Much historical material has been donated by the Norwegian Government. The museum is quite an imposing sight, with its enormous cases, filled with documents and books.

D. G. Ristad, the president, informs us that arrangements are being made for a "historical mass meeting" to be held on the grounds of the museum. Meetings

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Meetings of this kind should be held every year throughout the country. Meetings of this kind would popularize, not only the museum, but the Society.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 27, 1919.

SCANDINAVIAN STUDY SOCIETY

Last Friday the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study held its annual meeting, at the Norwegian Club.

Professor Jules Mauritzon, Lawrence M. Larsen, Julius E. Olsen, and George T. Flum from the University of Illinois, will be the main speakers.

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Skandinaven, July 13, 1917.

FULL HOUSE FOR NORWEGIAN SINGING SOCIETY FILM

It is probable that Logan Square Theatre never has witnessed as large a crowd as that which filled every available space in the theatre last night as the showing of the Norwegian Singing Society's film A Tour Through Norway. The first showing of the film took place at the matinee at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. At that time the attendance was good in spite of rainy weather. But at the first evening exhibition the large theatre had become completely crowded by Norwegian men and women wanting to see the beautiful pictures from the land of their fathers. A large number were unable to get in the first evening; they had to wait until the 9:00 o'clock presentation or until today.

The pictures, as a whole, were good. A couple of the selections from the exposition at Frogner, 1914, might have been clearer as to details, otherwise the pictures are of unusually good quality.

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The exhibition starts with a presentation of the old chiefs mansion at Frogner together with the members of the committee in charge of arrangements. After that the main entrance, the mass of people they are coming, by street-car, by auto, by horse-drawn vehicles, or afoot. Then the beautiful exposition grounds. It is the day of opening, the orchestra is playing and the king accompanied by the queen and the crown prince, appears in Royal splendor to give the festive touch to the opening ceremonies.

In through the large exposition halls. the king moves with his entourage and to music from the orchestra, then, in the Hall of Machinery, Crown Prince Olav presses the button and the immense machines start turning.

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The pictures now move through the exposition grounds presenting the many phases of national life and activities represented, and afterwards the grandeur and beauty of Norwegian natural scenery roll forth as well as Norwegian farming, Norwegian fisheries, Norwegian industry, and Norwegian army.

Between the first and second showing of the film the Norwegian Singing Society gave some beautiful selections. The film will be shown again this afternoon and tonight at 7:00 o'clock and at 9:00 o'clock. But those who want good seats had better secure them early.

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Scandia, Oct. 5, 1912.

[MEDICAL SOCIETY'S ANNIVERSARY]

The Scandinavian-American Medical Society of Chicago will, on Friday, Oct. 14, celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. During these years the society has held more than two hundred meetings and presented four hundred lectures on subjects of great interest in medical science.

Norwegian doctors who were charter members of the society and are still active in membership and practice are Drs. G. Paoli, B. Behrens, B. Meyer, and Anders Doe. Shortly after the society's formation Drs. N. Quales, K. F. Sandberg and Nils Remmen became members. All prominent Norwegian doctors of Chicago are members of the society and several of them are accepted as authorities on various phases of medical science.

On Thursday several scientific lectures will be given and officers will be elected, while on Friday the doctors will give a banquet and ball at the

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clubrooms of the Svenska Klub (Swedish Club), at which a number of out-of-town men of medicine will be special guests.

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Scandia, July 6, 1912.

MEETING OF MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Scandinavian Medical Association held its regular meeting at the rooms of the Swedish Club on June 31. In addition to the regular routine, which was shortened for the occasion, members were favored with a lecture by the guest of honor, Dr. Rosving, from Denmark. Dr. Rosving is one of Denmark's outstanding medical authorities, and is at present visiting the United States, where he has delivered a number of lectures in various places. Following the lecture the assembled physicians partook of a banquet in honor of Dr. Rosving.

Among the speakers were Dr. A. Doe, Dr. Ole Berg, Dr. N. Quaales, and Dr. Nels Johnson. Several of them paid tribute to Dr. S. Jacobsen and Chr. Fenger (now deceased) and to Dr. Norman Hansen, who is now practicing in Copenhagen. Over one hundred doctors were present and all enjoyed the meeting very much.

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The Scandinavian Medical Society held their monthly meeting on March 14th, at the Swedish Club rooms.

Dr. A. Holmboe delivered a lecture on what a physician and surgeon can do in the treatment of stomach ailments. Mrs. Cyen and Anderson took prominent parts in the discussion which followed. The officers of the society were instructed to consider the idea of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the society, and to report at the April meeting.

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Scandia, Feb. 24, 1912.

[MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS]

The Scandinavian Medical Society of Chicago held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8th. Doctor H.C.Hansen, the energetic secretary had arranged a very interesting program.

Dr. Anders Frick, as the opening speaker, delivered a very interesting lecture on the "Dilation of the Stomach," referring to several cases under his personal observation. He outlined the causes, symptoms, and cure for the ailment, bringing out several points seldom considered, though often of vital importance in diagnosis and treatment.

Following the lecture a lively discussion of the subject took place by Drs. Svenning Dohl, Young, Klovstad and Anderson, which in turn was followed by a partaking of a very tasty Swedish lunch.

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[MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS]

The Scandinavian Medical Society held its annual meeting in the quarters of the Swedish Club on Thursday, October 12.

The retiring president, Doctor Klovstad, spoke of the significance of this society to Scandinavians and its influence and status in medical circles. The organization has created a strong feeling of fellowship and co-operation between the Scandinavians and Americans and has made valuable contributions in the line of medical and surgical research.

Doctor Klovstad urged the society to affiliate with the medical societies of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, pointing out mutual advantages of such co-operation, and the resultant benefits to mankind. Doctor William J. Anderson was elected president, Doctor O. H. Berg, vice president, and Doctor Halvor O. Hansen, secretary for the coming year.

Following the election, the meeting was addressed by Doctor E. Meyer, who

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gave a humorous talk on the early days of the society; all of the anecdotes struck a responsive chord and jollity reigned supreme. The gathering then assembled in the dining room where they finished the pleasant and profitable evening with an anniversary dinner.

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THE SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Scandinavian-American Medical Society honored Dr. Ludvig Hektoen at a banquet held last night at the Swedish Club. Dr. Anton Holmboe functioned as **toastmaster**, and Dr. Anders Doe was the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. Thor Rothstein, spoke for Upsalla [Sweden] University; Dr. Suenning Dahl [Dane] spoke for the University of Copenhagen; Dr. Dawson spoke for the American Medical Society; and Dr. Nils Johnson, spoke for Mrs. Hektoen.

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THE SCANDINAVIAN PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Philological Society of America was organized last Friday at Hitchcock Hall, University of Chicago.

The local arrangements committee consisted of Professor C. N. Gould, A. G. S. Josephson, and J. C. M. Hanson, director of the university library.

The following papers were read:

1. "A Sketch of Scandinavian Study in American Colleges," by Professor George T. Flom.
2. "Frithjof's Saga," by Professor A. M. Sturtevant.
3. "The Chronology of Fornaldarsagur," by Dr. Lee M. Hollander.
4. A paper by Professor Gudmund Schuette, University of Copenhagen, read by Dr. Henry Leach of Harvard.
5. "Recent Attacks on the Historical Reliability of the Vinland Sagas," by Professor Julius Olsen.

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6. "Traces of Old Norse Paganism in Swedish Christian Customs of Today," by Professor Jules Mauritzon.
7. "A Type of Germanic Word-formation in the Scandinavian Languages," by O. L. Bloomfield.

During an intermission at this point in the program a number of Scandinavian songs were sung by Professor Olsen.

8. "An Unpublished Fragment of the Old Norse Konungs Skuggja," by Professor George T. Flom, University of Illinois.
9. "Repetition as an Element in Selma Lagerlof's Style," by Dr. Louis Elmquist [Swede], Northwestern University.

This new organization will, no doubt, contribute much to science.

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EDUCATORS MEET

p.1...A group of prominent educators, American and Scandinavian, gathered in Hitchcock Hall, University of Chicago, on Friday, May 28th, to organize a Scandinavian Philological Society of America. Professor C.M.Gould, University of Chicago, A.G.S. Josephson, John Crerar Library, J.C.Hansen, director of the University of Chicago Library, were on the committee on arrangements. Philologists from both eastern and mid-western universities were enrolled as members and several of them delivered lectures on various phases of history. Among those who delivered special lectures were Professor Flom, University of Illinois, Professor A.M.Sturtvant, University of Kentucky, Dr. Lee M. Hollander, University of Wisconsin, Professor G. Schutte, Copenhagen University of Denmark, Professor Schutte's treatise was read by Doctor Henry G.Leach of Howard University, Professor Julius E. Olsen, University of Wisconsin, Professor Jules Mauritzen, Augustana College, and Doctor Leonard Bloomfield, University of Illinois.

Professor Julius Olsen's lecture was of special interest at this time, because of the half-witted attacks on the authenticity of the traditions of Vinland and Leif Eriksen. He attacked utterances of Fr. Nansen, questioning these old sagas

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and while, Nansen, was one of the world's greatest explorers, he was, in Professor Olsen's estimation, a mere novice and ill-informed in the realms of early history. Professor Olsen maintained that research, by truly scientific men, was the only way to obtain authentic information as to the accuracy of the old sagas touching on the discovery of America, and the occupation by the old Norsemen. Professor Olsen quoted from Dr. Babcock, conceded to be the greatest authority on Atlantic coast geology, who, thru research, has, among other findings, found certain geological conditions exactly identical with the old descriptions in the saga of "Erik the Red." Professor Olsen voiced a determined demand that in reaching a decision regarding the authenticity of historical data, the decisions of men who have conducted scientific research in the matter be given final word.

At six o'clock the society were dinner guests of the University of Chicago, at Hutchinson Common, and at 9:00 P.M. were given a "smoker" in the same hall.

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On Saturday morning the society again convened for a short session and lectures were delivered by Professor T. Flom, University of Illinois, Doctor A. Louis Elmquist, of Northwestern University, Professor C.N. Gould, University of Chicago, and Professor A. Stomberg, University of Minnesota, after which organization work was completed, committee reports received and officers elected.

With such an array of learned men taking up the cudgels to fight the die-hards who are so loath to give the Norsemen the credit due them, we may rest assured that our claims will be proved and the honor our own.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 8, 1910.

THE SCANDINAVIAN PHYSICIAN'S SOCIETY

Last Tuesday, November 8, the Scandinavian Physician's Society held its regular monthly meeting--the most interesting meeting since August of last year. H. G. W. Reinhart, coroner's physician, was the main speaker of the evening. His topic, "Surgical Discoveries through Obduction", was extremely interesting, and caused a lengthy discussion. The following doctors contributed a great deal by their participation in the discussion: Drs. A. Holmboe, R. J. Ballinger, Hanson, William J. Anderson, and Michel.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 23, 1910.

THE SCANDINAVIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Medical Society held its first annual meeting last Thursday. Since the president, Dr. Svenning Dahl, was out of town, the vice-president opened the meeting.

Dr. C.F. Klaas gave an excellent talk on obstetrics, and pointed out several bad practices of the modern physician. Dr. H.C. Hanson told of several humorous incidents he experienced on this subject. Dr. Thomas Warloe spoke on asepsis and antisepsis. The discussion centered mostly on confinement cases and pregnancy.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Mar. 14, 1909.

SCANDINAVIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Scandinavian Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, March 11. Dr. T. Warloe functioned as president. Dr. Cornelius Gundersen gave an interesting lecture on ileus and reported on a case of this illness. Dr. E. E. Hendersen, Dr. W. J. Anderson, and Dr. N. Remmen participated in the discussion following the lecture.

Dr. N. Oldenborg told of his experiences with massage of adhesions in the posterior cavity, and reported several cases in which the patients had been completely healed by means of this type of treatment. A discussion ensued in which Dr. Hendersen and Dr. Gundersen took part. The meeting adjourned when this discussion was concluded.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 13, 1909.



THE SCANDINAVIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Scandinavian Medical Association was held at the "Tavern", Thursday, February 11. Dr. Egil Olsen functioned as president in the absence of Dr. Roberg.

Dr. G. A. Torrison reported that he and Dr. Holmboe had presented Dr. N. T. Quaales, honorary member of the Society, with the letters of congratulation from the Society in connection with Dr. Quaales' seventy eighth birthday, and that Dr. Quaales had requested them to convey his best thanks to the Society for the courtesy shown.

The scientific program consisted of the following:

First, Dr. Torrison gave a brief lecture on "Foreign Bodies in the Outer Ear Passage". Among the strange things he had found in the ear passage may be mentioned garlic, tobacco, cotton, watermelon seeds, and once he had even found a cricket

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Dr. Egil Olsen reported on a case of "gonorreic blood poisoning" where the disease had taken hold on the heart and partly destroyed the valves. Correct diagnosis had been arrived at through bacteria culture, and later confirmed through the obduction. Dr. Olsen also showed some peculiar temperature curves from a consumption patient.

Finally, Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen gave an interesting lecture on "Scurvy in Children". She demonstrated that this disease is caused solely by insufficient nourishment, and that it may readily be cured through proper diet. She illustrated her lecture with narratives of this somewhat rare disease from her own practice as a children's physician.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 27, 1900.

THE SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS GROWING

The Scandinavian-American Medical Association held its regular meeting last Thursday evening at Stensland's Block, Carpenter Street and Milwaukee Avenue. The following compose the present board of directors: Dr. Oscar Torrison, president; Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen, vice-president; Dr. Thomas Warloe, secretary and treasurer.

After Dr. Warloe left for Europe, Dr. Unseth functioned as secretary. Dr. Unseth read the minutes from the last meeting and also gave a brief survey of the activities of the Association during the past year. The report showed an increase in membership, better attendance at the meetings than ever before, and more interest throughout.

The many valuable lectures during the year have contributed more than anything else to the greater interest displayed.

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BETWEEN YOU AND ME

Between you and me--in a manner speaking--I am impelled to say a word regarding Professor Hanson's pleasant reference to my English. He has given me a similar compliment on one or two other occasions. As a rule, journalists do not receive many compliments, and especially not for their language or style. Some do not deserve them. There are, however, exceptions. I am personally acquainted with half a dozen newspapermen in this country--three in New York and three in Chicago--whose names ought to be enshrined in a journalistic hall of fame for the purity and the beauty of their English. Those from Chicago are L. H. Lund, Nicolai Grevstad, and Kristian Baun.

Whether I am deserving of the praise he [Hanson] so graciously bestows upon me is a matter for him and others of my readers to decide. I am glad to note that, in the article, he pays my friend, Chief Justice John J. Sonsteby, a similar compliment for his good English. With this I am in complete agreement. I have known the judge a great many

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years, in fact since his Von Humboldt school days, where he developed the use of good English in the school debating society.

When compliments come from a qualified source they possess value. Certainly it is a source of satisfaction to know that Professor Hanson's competency to pass judgment is beyond question.

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Scandia, Sept. 29, 1932.

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JOURNALISTIC ABSURDITIES

Editor Scandia:

Of queer journalistic absurdities there seems to be no end. Scandia has its full share. The continuous intolerant writings by Mr. Sundry-Hansen are an attempt to impose his will upon its readers. The issue, of course, is the old, old story, the infallibility of material science and the impossibility of religion.

To such fanatics the idea of freedom of thought and opinion means freedom to impose their peculiar views upon others, by persuasion if possible, and even by fiat of law or force (which amounts to the same thing) if all other means fail. A mental attitude of this type allows no room for tolerance. It is against this attitude that thousands had to offer their lives.

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What hasn't the world fostered in the way of absurd opinions, labeled as science? To enumerate them all would require a catalog of considerable size. It is enough to remind you readers of a few of the most outstanding examples selected at random. Consider, for example, Mr. Olaf Ray discussing the question of heat and light in the Journal of Science, telling us about one of the commonest facts in nature--the heat of the sun. He says: "The question of the temperature of the sun has been the subject of investigation with many scientists: Newton, one of the first investigators of this problem, tried to determine it, and after him all the scientists who have been occupied with colorimetry have followed his example. All have believed themselves successful and have formulated their results with great confidence. The following, in the chronological order of the publication of results, are the temperatures (in centigrade) found by each of them: Newton, 102,200; Seccli, 5,344,840; Ericsson, 2,720,700; Fitzeau, 7,500; Waterstone, 9,000,000; Spoere, 27,000; Deville, 27,000; Deville, 9,500; Soret, 5,801,840; Vicaire, 1,500; Roselli, 20,000; the difference is as 1,400 against 9,000,000, or no less than 8,998,600 degrees!! There probably does not exist in science a more

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astonishing contradiction.

I have been reading numerous articles by Mr. Sundry-Hansen which prove him to be a fanatic regarding material science. I am reluctant to complain about the length of his articles at times because I realize that sometimes its piecemeal presentation in Scandia may possibly be accounted for by the exigencies of space. I shall be more than delighted when this eminent penman stops his intolerant criticism of those who permit themselves to consider abstract ideas.

What church or sect our pen champion will bulldoze next I do not know, and it does not matter. We know now that he is not a man of liberal ideas. Neither is he a true scientist, as the latter is far in advance of this pope of prejudice and bigotry. He is an ultramaterialist and interprets fairly accurately the ideas of this branch, but like all materialists of this type he makes at least one fatal error.

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He is deeply concerned about what he conceives to be science. He is anxious to salvage the wreckage of the old, hence he hitches his scientific wagon to materialism and writes learnedly about religion and religious thought of to-day without even having investigated it. In foolish terms he describes such scientists as Einstein and Sir Jeans. There is where our learned and smart friend makes his fatal error. Neither scientists nor anyone else with common sense recognizes such fantastic vagaries as those enunciated by Mr. Sundry - Hansen against eminent thinkers of our time. They are forerunners of the new direction science has taken. Science might be submitted to the law of evolution, like all else in nature.

As has previously been pointed out by other writers in Scandia, when fanatical materialists dabble in religious thought, they go outside of their narrow field and their speculations have no more value than those of any others who have never taken the trouble to investigate the subjects they permit themselves to criticize.

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This journalistic juggler knows something that the uninformed and gullible thousands, to whom materialism still is like any other fanatical cult, are quite unaware of. Authority is still a potent force among the ignorant. Mr. Sundry-Hansen believes himself to be an exalted exponent of materialism. When he, therefore (unquestionably urged by an inner pressure) puts his pen on paper and speaks of a "cosmic religion" virtually in terms of an ignoramus, the uninformed readers of Scandia assume that there must be something in it. And those who profit by the perpetuation of this materialistic babble are fanatics who believe in swinging a terroristic whip whenever occasion lends itself. Mr. Sundry-Hansen's writings are a sample of what we may expect to see much of in the future, in case free thought should be abolished. We shall then be served with only a hodgepodge of meaningless nonsense, embroidered with so-called scientific materialistic foundation. As a plausible excuse for it, the superficially educated and uncritical masses will be led to believe that the god of materialism is the only god to worship.

Do not let us forget, however, that the fanatic of materialism is the selfsame

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old tyrant of mankind, the bitter enemy of freedom of thought, the relentless warrior against real knowledge, real scientific advancement and thought as any other fanatic.

May I, before leaving the subject, express my sincere wish that our worthy scientific friend stick to his pet hobbies: Socialism, bolshevism, and materialism. There is where his heart lies, and there his talent will find its greatest use. Whenever he feels the craving to swing a fierce journalistic club against his archenemy, religion, let him remember the saying of the American: "Mind your own business," and the German: "Leben und Leben Lassen" /Live and let live/, and the Norwegian: "Fei for Din Egen Dor, Forend Du Feier for Andres" /Sweep before your own door, etc./. There is plenty of cleaning to be done within his own domain; so let him leave the religionist alone, and take care of himself.

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SKANDINAVEN

The daily edition of Skandinaven will not be published after April 30. A weekly edition will take the place of the daily here in Chicago.

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SCANDIA BEACH

Scandia's vacation land is situated in the north woods of Wisconsin, between two large lakes. There is real hunting and fishing. The Scandia community beach is 200 feet long.

The beach and woods are open to anyone, whether they buy lots or not. When lots are purchased, Scandia includes a year's subscription free.

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SCANDIA BEACH

(Contributed)

Scandia has opened a summer resort for members of Chicago's Norwegian colony. I have just returned from a trip to this resort; it was one of the most enjoyable trips I have made in many, many a day, and I feel that I should let my countrymen know of my experience. The resort, if we can call it that, is known as Scandia Community Beach.

I was simply carried away with the beauty of the country, and upon my arrival at the property I found that it was all that had been told me and more. Words cannot describe Scandia Community Beach, for it is ideal in every way. In fact, all that has been said of this project is true, and you have not published any statements relative to Community Beach that I found untrue.

Upon the arrival of our big party at Hayward, we were given a royal reception

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and taken to a large log cabin where we were served a big fish breakfast by the ladies of Hayward. We were next taken to the office of Scandia Beach, where a large group picture was taken, after which we were taken in automobiles over the most wonderful and well-kept roads to grove and beach, which we were most anxious to see. After spending the forenoon looking over the place, we were entertained by the Chippawa Indians, and greatly enjoyed their council dances. With all their war paint on, and with their Indian music and songs, they put on a great show. During the afternoon a trip was made over the whole beach property, and we found that the twenty-two miles of streets were being put in first-class shape by two big tractors and grading outfits. We visited the big store right on the property, and found a big stock of supplies. As evening came, and it was time for us to leave, we all expressed the wish that we could stay just a day or two more.

In closing, all I can say to the readers of Scandia is that this project is a real opportunity for pleasure, and, if you wish, for investment, I personally bought two lots near the Community Beach, on these lots there were a number of

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real large trees, both pine and deciduous. I heartily recommend that anyone who can spend the summer there should buy a lot or two, and really enjoy a summer there. There is not a lot that hasn't plenty of trees on it.

Scandia has done a wonderful thing in making possible this beautiful playground in the north woods. I certainly am happy that Mr. L. H. Lund, the editor of Scandia, carried out this idea.

Scandia, May 1, 1926.

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN PRESS

Scandia is an excellent example of how a Norwegian-American newspaper can understand its purpose. Scandia is just what a newspaper should be. We can blame the Norwegian people for the fact that Scandia has not been able to reach the masses and bring its liberal and opportune message to those who need it most. We have not at any time given Scandia the support it deserves.

Skandinaven is an excellent example of what a Norwegian-American newspaper must not be. Skandinaven is always speculative; it is never set as to policy or program. We often see editorials of the widest possible variety. One day it may be an editorial about Mussolini, the next day an editorial explaining why people should sleep with the windows open, or a three-column article about the output and raising of potatoes in Ireland.

Skandinaven loves to give the impression that it is the only Norwegian newspaper in America that has any cultural background, and that it is the spokes-

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man of all the Norwegian people in America. Skandinaven's policy is to "yes" wherever possible, and to play to its readers in order to satisfy them. Well, that is probably a good "policy of economy".

We wonder what would happen if the subscribers would write and ask the staff just what the policy and program of that publication might be. The unbelievable thing might happen--that Skandinaven would answer and we would find out that the paper has a program. But until this happens we must condemn Skandinaven for what it is: A paper that confuses the people politically, socially, and in every other way.

Scandia, May 17, 1924.

SCANDIA

Scandia has moved from 2818 North Avenue to 2218 North California Avenue. This is the third time that Scandia has moved. The paper tries to follow the westward movement of the Danish and Norwegian groups. This time Scandia occupies its own building. On the ground floor there will be a large whole-sale and retail bookstore. The editors' and publisher's offices will also be on the ground floor. The new location is within walking distance of the Chicago Norwegian Club, the Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge, the Norsemen's Singing Society, and other organizations.

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NORWEGIAN-DANISH NEWSPAPERMEN

In 1882, Illustrere Ugeblad [Illustrated Weekly] made its first appearance, with Christian Rasmussen [Dane] as publisher and Louis Pio [Dane] as editor. I worked on the staff for some time as typesetter, proofreader, errand boy, reporter, bill collector, ways and means committee, writer, and general all-around man. A year or so later, Professor Theodor Elbers, who had just arrived from Denmark, became editor. The well-known Norwegian Singing Society, organized by immigrants from Bergen, Norway, began its activities at that time; Elbers became its first director.

The Illustrated Weekly had a building (or should we call it a shed), where the office and shop were located. Oil lamps would glow dimly here and there when there was work to be done at night.

Skandinaven was, in the late '70's, considered the largest paper in Chicago,

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with a three-story building on Peoria Street, and with fifteen to twenty typesetters and dozens of editors. At that time the Norwegian, Monrad Schuyen, was the editor. Among the assistant editors I remember especially the Norwegian, Professor Suein Nilsson and the Dane, Moses Salomonsen. Nilsson later became editor-in-chief. The offices and press rooms of Skandinaven were filthy. In those days, every one from editors down to the press boy had his own beer pail, and at noon one of the press boys would get the beer for the entire shop. Much of this beer was spilled on stairs and floor, and the entire place would sometimes smell like a brewery. The place was cleaned only once a year, so you can imagine what a lot of dirt was shoveled out.

Norden [North Land] edited by Rellins, and later by Peer Stromme, kept its head above water for a while. Norden, was an elaborate sheet--four pages, ten columns to the page--it was a job to read it, one's arms were tired before the front page was half finished. A lady was asked, which one of the Scandinavian papers she liked best. Her answer was, "I like Norden, because when I finally get it read I can use it for dress patterns."

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THE PRESS

The Norwegian press has not been so actively engaged in propagandizing for Norwegian culture this last year or two as it was in previous years. It seems that the editors think that it is enough to mention that so-and-so will speak at such-and-such a hall, and that such-and-such a society will give a concert at such-and-such a time. But that is not enough.

The public wants to know about such-and-such a singer, and what this singer gave to the people in song or in music. The readers want to know what is happening at the Old People's Home, at any one of our hospitals, at our clubs, our societies, and our churches. A newspaper must be a "herald" of culture, knowledge, and news. A newspaper must not be an "organ" of the few but an organ of the masses. The editor must know what to give to the people and how; if he does not do this, he loses readers, and soon his paper can sing its swan song.

The Norwegian people are definite in their wants. They are, for the most part,

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intellectuals. It should not be a hard task to write for intellectuals; so why is it that the contributors to our press are careless in this matter?

And illustrations! There is only one foreign-language newspaper, at this time, here in Chicago that uses lots of pictures, and that is the Danish paper, Dansk Tidende (Danish Times). The editor, Kristian Baun, is a journalist in every sense of the word. Maybe we Norwegians could learn something here.

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RICHARD S. N. SARTZ

An interesting Norwegian is Richard Sophus Nielsen Sartz. He was born in Stryn, North Fjord, Norway. He spent most of his childhood in Larvik, his early youth in Christiania [Oslo] and Farsund. He came to the United States in 1879.

It took a long time to become accustomed to American ways. He became a citizen in 1885, but his soul was still in Norway.

In 1889 he began to publish Krydseren, a monthly paper, in New York. In 1887 he came to Minneapolis as the editor of the Minneapolis Daglig Tidende (Minneapolis Daily Times). Later he became editor of Norden, in Chicago. In 1895 [in Chicago] his leg was amputated, the result of blood poisoning. In 1908 he became a translator for the [United States] Department of Agriculture.

He was one of those who organized the National Norwegian League.

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SOME CHICAGO NORWEGIANS

It is a long time since we have written anything about Scandia; we want to tell a little about the history of this small but excellent sheet, and about the men who have been responsible for it.

Nothing very fanciful occurs to us, however, in reminiscing about Scandia. We recall merely that the paper was founded by Anton B. Lange in Duluth in 1888. Along about 1889 or 1890, we believe it was, Lange moved to Chicago and brought Scandia with him.

From that time, Scandia has been an institution in the Chicago Norwegian colony, and it has had moreover, a history vastly different from that of any other Norwegian language paper in this country with which we are acquainted. We shall present our reasons for saying this, but just let us recall the names of the editors of Scandia since its founding:

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1. Anton B. Lange, until his death in 1910; 2. H. Sundby Hansen, 1910-1913; Ludvig H. Lund, 1914-.

It is unnecessary, and indeed irrelevant, to go into the history of the late Mr. Lange. But it is pertinent to bear in mind that the Lange tradition is the basis on which Scandia has continued throughout these years. We have in mind, not what his enemies said about his editorial policy, which often enough was cross and blunt, but his fearless critical attitude and his liberal spirit.

For I make bold to say that, among the many shortcomings of our Norwegian language press in this country, none is greater than its lack of liberality, and none is more obvious than its intolerance and lack of true critical judgment in appraising subjects concerning modern thought and intellectual trends. Life is much more than superficial politics, much more than belief in concealed dogma. The game of politics is merely a reflex of economic

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conditions in any given period.

It was Lange's critical attitude in dealing with local conditions which established Scandia as a tolerant, liberal, urban-minded organ, and, certainly, this character the paper has retained. Always it has been a paper for city people. Its editors have all been city born and bred, with a background of city culture.

In this, too, the Lange tradition has had permanent influence. Lange was "Ekte Bergenser" [a real Bergenser] with the cultural background of that fine old historic city on Norway's west coast. His liberality doubtless has its roots in Norway's old "Venstre" [left wing], a party, by the way, which has completed its mission of completely democratizing the nation, and which has been pushed aside by the more up-to-date Norwegian labor party.

Chicago's "Bergensere" have always been Scandia's mainstay, doubtless because of the Lange tradition, but of course the paper has liberal-minded

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readers from all parts of Norway. Since Lange's time, we think the paper has improved in some respects and become inferior in others. Lange's Norwegian was dynamic, and few editors in this country wielded a more virile pen or presented their readers with a smoother style. The gift was characteristically individual.

On the credit side, after Lange's time, should be mentioned, we think, that editorial vituperation and personal attack have been completely eliminated, an open forum column has been established wherein the readers may freely discuss all topics of interest, and a still broader and more liberal editorial policy has been followed in the interest of enlightenment. A newspaper or a magazine of general circulation should be more than a slavish follower of conventional opinion; it should be not merely clever but a leader in presenting civilizing ideas.

It is to be hoped that any new managers will carefully guard Scandia's tradition of fearless democratic liberality and urban culture. With energetic men on the

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business side of the paper, and the editorial policy conducted in this spirit, I believe Scandia still has ahead of it many useful years of inspiring and enlightening service.

Edward Andersen, who scolds in the approved manner of an English costermonger or fishwife, is an amazing young man--mentally I mean, for in years he may have passed voting age. He is amazing for at least two reasons. First, because he is a Norwegian-American of the second generation, which we assume from his name and the language, though we may be in error; and secondly, because of his cocksureness and his conventional opinions.

It is sometimes interesting, though anything but refreshing, to find in the columns of Scandia Mr. Andersen's bombastic style of American patriotism. This type of flag-waving chauvinism civilized Americans abhor as exhibitionism and bad manners. This fact is unknown or ignored by the lusty practitioners of the religious cult of chauvinistic patriotism. The cult

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gives bad manners ample opportunity of vigorous assertion.

For this reason, Mr. Andersen's remarkable opinions constitute an interesting educational exhibit in showing the cultural advance, if any, of the second generation Norwegians over that of their parents and ancestors.

To this there are many notable exceptions, of course, but we are sure that Mr. Andersen will not deny that his opinions on what (for the sake of brevity) we may call "Americanism" (with apologies to the Tribune and Mr. Hearst), represent those of all the best and most reliable people, while, on the contrary, the opinions of Sigrid Hakstad and Synove Lange--and permit us to include our own--represent those of all the bad people. the suspects, who should be carefully watched, gagged, and hamstrung and, if possible, deported from "God's country". At least this appears to be the essence of what Mr. Andersen has ventured to express up to now.

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We are not here concerned with the trivial point at issue between Mr. Andersen and Synove Lange, or with the original point raised by Mrs. Hakstad in the form of questions addressed to a recently returned American-born young man from his first visit to the country of his ancestors.

Like a patriot of the right sort, Mr. Andersen was not slow in scenting danger. Immediately he recognized subversive tendencies lurking in Mrs. Hakstad's question. Possibly he suspected a "red" conspiracy. At any rate, no young American should be exposed to questions of a cultural nature about any foreign country, even about the country of his immediate ancestors. Such knowledge is dangerous to the safety of the Republic.

We are interested rather in the psychological aspect of the intellectual discussion which ensued from that innocent beginning. Mr. Andersen is a prolific quoter of aphorisms and of other men's philosophy, presumably because he feels the need of authoritative support. It is, therefore, not at all strange that

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he has conveniently forgotten to quote the celebrated English statesman who told his colleagues in parliament that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel". But he meant, of course, English patriotism.

Mr. Andersen's fervent attitude regarding patriotism is undoubtedly an expression of what may be called a "transition" mentality, often exhibited by second generation Norwegian-Americans, assuming he is one (and by those of other national groups), when their own radical cultural background has been lost or ignorantly discarded.

In this connection, it is profitable to remember that Americans of English, Scotch, Irish, and French Huguenot **ancestry** dating back to colonial times have never discarded their ancestral cultural background, no matter what their attitude has been on questions of economics and political relations, with the old country.

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Such opinions as Mr. Andersen has expressed in his discussion on this particular subject give us and many others, to use a vulgarism, a pain in the neck. Having been an American newspaper correspondent in the legislature at Springfield, Illinois, in the legislature at Madison, Wisconsin, in the legislature at Albany, New York, and having covered both the House and the Senate in Washington, and served as correspondent at the White House, among numerous and sundry other first-rank assignments, we happen to know how and by whom that type of patriotism is manufactured for public consumption.

Permit us to say further that most of the leaders in the nefarious and brain befuddling traffic, at least those who haven't completely sold themselves boots, baggage, and breeches, often suffer from a pain in the neck, not to mention in another prominent part of the anatomy, from their own bombastic inventions. When their conscience troubles them too much, they seek escape in an alcoholic debauch.

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Mr. Andersen seems to have fallen for the bombastic flag-waving cult pretty hard. Well, he has plenty of company. An emotional appeal is all that is needed to stir up the latent animal instinct of the crowd to frenzy. Reason is dethroned. Tolerance is crushed beneath the tramping feet of the mob. Only they are right. All others are wrong, hence dangerous. Let them take the next boat.

Fortunately, this is only one phase of America, though a very bad phase. It represents neither the opinion nor the wish of cultural America, of civilized Americans. Let us repeat, they abhor it as the worst of bad manners.

In every country, civilized people regard this type of patriotism with deserved suspicion because of its mob emotional content. Everywhere the distinguishing mark of a civilized person is his ability to be guided by reason rather than by his emotions, which are kept under strict control. To sway the uninformed multitude by a patriotic appeal is an old and often used

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trick which may be considered clever--for the purpose of putting over something--war, for instance, or some law, the far-reaching effect of which in the curtailment of rights and liberties the people do not realize or understand until too late; such methods, we say, may be considered clever, but they are not civilized.

For all these reasons, Mr. Andersen is an amazing young man, and we would not for all the world wish to abridge his right of expression. In this principle we are sure all of Scandia's readers agree. For freedom of utterance, it may astound Mr. Andersen to learn, is not an American invention. We have it as a right in our Federal Constitution, but how often isn't it violated and suppressed by patriotic zealots?

Patriots want no opinions but their own. At least they are intolerant of any other. Notwithstanding this, I trust that Mr. Andersen will continue to voice his charming views in Scandia. His opinions form a diverting

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interlude between Alfred Gabrielson's theosophical profundities and "Omar's" hectic attempts to gain converts (rather correspondence school students) for the so-called "Rosacrusian" temple or "university" in San Jose, California. I have it on good authority that the depression hit H. Spencer Lewis's repository of "ancient mystic wisdom" pretty hard. But "Omar" is faithful.

Thus, from all quarters, Scandia's readers gain esoteric, as well as exoteric, enlightenment which, in the perusal, calls forth in the attentive reader an abundance of hilarious, though perfectly innocent merriment. More could hardly be said in Mr. Andersen's behalf. Nor less.

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THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE ISSUE

(Interview with Professor Rasmus B. Anderson on the
Foreign Language Issue)

But now that I am being interviewed, there is another matter in which I, together with nearly every other Scandinavian, am deeply interested. I refer to the attacks made on the use of foreign languages in this country. It will be remembered that even so great an American as Theodore Roosevelt seemingly referred to this country as a "polyglot boardinghouse," and in a letter written shortly before he died, he stated that in this country there was not room for more than one language.

Governor Harding of Iowa had the brazen effrontery to issue a proclamation prohibiting conversation in any other language than English by people on railroad trains, in hotel lobbies, or other public places, and forbidding the use of any other language than English at public gatherings, in the churches,

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and in the schools. In Nebraska, a law has been passed and declared constitutional by the State Supreme Court, prohibiting the teaching of any other language than English in all the grades below the eighth in all public and private schools. But the state of Oregon caps the climax in this hysterical, not to say insane, crusade against the foreign element in this country. A law was recently passed by the legislature of Oregon and sanctioned by its government, forbidding the printing of any newspaper, pamphlet, or book "in any other language than English" in that state. The result was that several newspapers printed in foreign languages in Oregon had to suspend publication.

In my humble opinion, the fact that we are polyglot is one of our most valuable cultural assets. A person knowing only one language lives in a home with only one window, and has an outlook in only one direction. A polyglot nation has several windows on all four sides of its mansion and sees what is transpiring in all parts of the world. The great poet and philosopher, Goethe, was certainly right when he said that without a knowledge of other languages, a man knows nothing of his own.

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Not long ago, Senator King introduced a bill in the United States Senate to exclude all publications--newspapers, magazines, and so on--printed in other languages than English from second class mailing privileges. The bill was read twice and referred to a committee. Such a bill, if it should be passed, would kill every newspaper published in any other language but English in this country. To publish them, it would be necessary to put them up in single wrappers and put a one-cent stamp on each, an expense that no newspaper could bear.

I am not at all in sympathy with all this hysterical agitation against the foreign born or their descendants now rampant in this country. The statistics show beyond question that the foreign born are not less loyal to the United States than the native born. There are in this country approximately 1,500 newspapers and magazines published in foreign languages, and their circulation aggregates about 8,000,000. They are printed in 33 different languages and circulate in every state in the Union. They are read not only by the foreign born, but also by their children, born in the United States.

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Now this is what I want to call particular attention to. Not more than four per cent of these publications are Socialist, Communist, or I. W. W. in their tendencies, and hardly more than one per cent are of deep red color, that is to say, Communist or Anarchist; so that ninety-nine per cent, at least, of this foreign-language press is entirely loyal, and ninety-six per cent definitely anti-Socialist. To be more explicit, only sixteen of the 1,500 papers published in foreign languages in this country are of the socialist or radical kind, and of these sixteen, five are in Yiddish. Not one of the sixteen has anything more than a very limited circulation.

The ultra-radical press of the country is printed in English and has millions of readers. The Appeal to Reason, published in Kansas, is supposed to have a circulation of more than a million. Of course, I do not deny that the foreign born who have acquired a thorough knowledge of English are sometimes employed on the editorial staff of some of these revolutionary publications. The refusal to seat five Socialist members of the New York legislature is a piece of the same cloth.

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Let me add that it is up to the Republican as well as to the Democratic party to take a strong position in their platforms against all persecution of foreigners in connection with the use of their mother tongue in their newspapers, magazines, pulpits, and schools, and to nominate as their standard-bearers candidates who are not contaminated by know-nothing prejudices. A candidate, be his name General Wood or W. J. Bryan, who endorses these crusades against the foreign born who have been invited to our shores, will, if nominated, surely meet his Waterloo in November.

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WILL THEY USE THE INFORMATION?

(Editorial)

The Foreign Language Governmental Information Service Bureau addressed the following interesting letter to the English-language press.

"This letter will announce to you the establishment of the American Press Bureau as a division of the Foreign Language Governmental Information Service. You are familiar with the work and aims of our foreign-language bureaus, and with our efforts to give you papers, through our governmental information releases, adequate and interesting reports of the government departments' activities and information.

"Through the American Press Bureau, we wish to give the English-language

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press true accounts of the foreign-speaking peoples and their press. A number of articles have already been prepared and their titles will show their general trend--The Alien and the Income Tax, The Alien and Education, Industries and the Alien, Alien Efforts Toward Americanization, Why the Alien Goes Home, and several more. Two of these have already appeared in the press [including Skandinaven], and others will appear in various other publications shortly. The Bureau will also send out press bulletins containing short items on the activities of the foreign-speaking groups. A book entitled "The Alien in America" is also being prepared. This book will give to the native born, in a more exhaustive treatment, these facts on the foreign-born people.

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"We deplore the grave injustice which is being done the foreign-born peoples as a whole these days, by the many inaccurate and sensational newspaper stories; and the unfair and unfriendly treatment accorded them by Americans

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who are ignorant or misinformed concerning them and their press. Our eighteen months of intimate relations and work with the foreign-language press has brought us indisputable proof that the large majority of these papers and peoples are Americans in the truest sense, that they have rendered valuable service to this country, and are behind no one in their desire to see any disloyal or seditious publications speedily and properly dealt with.

"Because of this conviction, based on our experience in this matter, and because we realize that much of the prevalent prejudice against the foreigner is due to lack of knowledge of existing facts, we are making this effort to give all possible publicity and discussion to the constructive record of the foreign-born groups and their press. We hope we may have the co-operation of the American Press Bureau in this undertaking."

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INTERPRETING AMERICA

(Editorial)

No policy could be more shortsighted than the suppression of the foreign-language press now advocated by some apostles of know-nothingism. The newspaper in the immigrant's own language does more than any other one agency to acquaint him with the ideals and institutions of his new country. The Scandinavian press has from the beginning been an exponent of Americanism. Many of the men who fought in the Fifteenth Wisconsin could not read English, but learned the issues of the war from a little Norwegian sheet published here. The immigrant of today has a better education; he often knows English before he comes here, and in any case absorbs it with avidity as soon as he sets foot on American soil. Yet, he needs a newspaper in the language of his homeland. It carries to him a more intimate message; it speaks in a voice he knows, and therefore inspires confidence.

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I G During the first two years of the war, the Scandinavians were luke-warm, inclined to blame both sides in the conflict equally. They were on friendly terms with their German Lutheran neighbors and were slow to believe that the kinsmen of these people could be guilty of the atrocities they heard of. At that time, the press, with great knowledge, was in advance of its constituency. As early as July 29, 1914, Skandinaven uncovered the intrigues of Austria against Serbia, and, on August 18, Decorah Posten wrote:

"The German Emperor seems to be master of the situation. At a word from him Austria would probably have accepted Serbia's apology for the murder of the heir to the throne....If the Emperor had said the word, there would have been no war, but he did not say it. Therefore, he now stands before the world as the one who is chiefly responsible for the war. If, furthermore, we ask why Germany wanted a world war, the only answer is: Expansion of German power and military rule."

The Minneapolis Tidende likewise blamed Kaiser Wilhelm for the war, while at

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I G the same time pointing out the failure of the whole balance of power system, and expressing what is now the only great hope of liberals the world over, saying:

"One consequence of this war, it is to be hoped, will be that a few rulers shall no longer have power to plunge the nations into war. The executive power must be so lodged that it is fully responsible to the men chosen by the people and thus forced to do the will of the people and nothing else."

The Danish papers were, of course, intensely anti-German from the beginning. Nordlyset, Revyen, Ugebladet, and The Danish Pioneer have constantly printed violent attacks on the Kaiser and all that he stands for. Revyen, in 1914, expressed a fervent hope that the Kaiser and his accomplices would hang from the lamp posts of Unter den Linden, and Nordlyset published some very unflattering cartoons of him.

Svenska Amerikanaren, among the Swedish organs, came out squarely against Germany

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I G from the first saying:

"The fact that Germany began the war is beyond question. To be sure, it was Austria who first declared war against Serbia, but we may be very sure that this happened after an agreement with Germany regarding the consequences. Germany could easily have prevented the war by refusing her aid to Austria in case of a declaration of war against Serbia, should it provoke action from Russia. By not preventing the declaration of war, although the consequences could easily be foreseen, Germany incurred responsibility for the great war. History will, without doubt, place this fearful responsibility on Germany."

Not all Swedish-American editors had an equally clear perception at that stage. Most of the Swedes in the United States belong to a generation that had the fear of Russia bred in their bones. They or their fathers left Sweden before the rise of Prussianism, and the liberal development which shifted the foreign alignment of their mother. To them, Russia, was the hereditary enemy of western

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I G democracy, and they could not understand how liberal France and England could fight on the same side with the Czar. But as soon as Germany stood revealed as the enemy of their adopted country, the Swedes in America knew no divided allegiance. The test of their loyalty came with the Luxemburg revelations which threatened serious misunderstandings between the country of their birth and that of their adoption. Then the Swedish-American press with one accord testified to the "one hundred per cent Americanism" which has since become the slogan of Scandinavian-Americans. Among the numerous editorials breathing absolute loyalty, we choose a paragraph from Nordstjernan:

"Swedish-Americans honor their homeland, but the new land to which they have given their fealty and their oath must stand and always has stood first. They are ready, if fate demands it of them, to give their blood for their adopted country, even against the land where they were born and bred or where their parents were born and bred."

This article was attacked as "traitorous" by the conservative organ, Nya Daglist

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I G Alle Handa, whereupon Nordstjernan reaffirmed its American loyalty in even stronger terms saying:

"It is inconceivable to us how any Swedish newspaper editor can fail to see that in the moment when we took our oath as citizens of this country we bound ourselves to defend it with our heart's blood, and this means that we might even have to fight our old homeland if--which God forbid--there should be war between the United States and Sweden."

Our entrance into the war was accepted by the Scandinavian press with a sober realization of the struggle ahead of us, but in a spirit of absolute loyalty. The pacifist organ, Reform, still believed that President Wilson's ideal of a league of nations could have been realized without war, but bowed to the will of the people as expressed through Congress, counseling all citizens of Norwegian blood to stand solidly with the country, and to bear their share of the burden faithfully. Veckobladet, which on the very eve of war had pleaded peace, wrote

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that "we must each and all be ready to make sacrifices in whatever manner the welfare of our country demands, and must show in word and deed that we are worthy of our citizenship".

A more belligerent note was struck by the larger newspapers. Thus, Svenska-Amerikaneren, before the declaration of war, wrote: "America did not want and does not want war. If the matter rested with America, there would be no war between us and any other country. If America were to renounce all rights as a neutral, war might be avoided, but that would be the most contemptible position anyone could take, and such a course would soon bring its own punishment."

On the day that war was declared, Ugebladet wrote: "America is now in the war. That is no cause for rejoicing--on the contrary, it is to be regretted that it should be necessary to go so far. But the step has been taken, and now all Americans, native-born or immigrant, have but one duty: to be loyal to our country and our government."

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Skandinaven expressed unqualified approval of the action taken by Congress: "No one who has read the President's message to Congress can doubt that Germany, through a long series of lawless acts that lack a parallel in history, has forced the United States into the war. It had to come. The United States has been compelled to take up the gauntlet thrown by Prussian autocracy, the natural enemy of democracy.

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Turning from the press comments at the time of our entrance into the war to those of a year later, we find a remarkable consolidation of patriotic purpose. All papers, without exception, donated generous space to the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross, and other national services. All record with pride the part taken by Scandinavians, the flocking of young men to the colors, the dedication of service flags, the loyalty meetings, the innumerable activities to aid the government in the prosecution of the war. Among the editorials urging subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, we note one in the Washington Posten reminding

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its readers that liberty was "often the only heritage they brought with them from Norway," and they, to whom liberty had always been the very breath of life, should be the first to contribute.

It might, perhaps, be expected that Scandinavians, being proverbial "kickers" and haters of graft, should be the most loud-voiced critics of the government, but their press is singularly moderate, slow to believe in "exposures," strong in demanding fair play for the government. Thus, Svenska Kuriren urges everybody to "drop all discussion and cease all criticism" that might "breed dissension and create division, thus discouraging people from the sacrifices necessary to win the war". Similar pleas are made by the Minneapolis Tidende, Veckobladet, and others.

While moral loyalty of the Swedish-American editors to their country has always been beyond cavil, it might perhaps be said that their intellectual enlightenment was completed with the German occupation of Finland. Svenska Tribunen Nyheter writes:

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"What does all this mean except that Germany is carrying on a war of conquest, and that Prussian autocracy is a real danger threatening the world? That danger is imminent for little Sweden which is now in a much more dangerous position than in the days of the mighty Russian czarism. Anyone with open eyes can see that a German victory would be fatal to all democratic nations, and not least to Sweden and the other northern countries. Therefore it seems to us that the Swedes and their nearest neighbors should be especially thankful to America, which has entered the war, not for gain, but in order to help the weaker nations, to destroy German autocracy and militarism, and to protect the freedom of the world. From America help must come, and America will win."

The Minnesota Stats Tidning, while admitting that "the war was not at first popular," thinks that "there are surely few who do not see the necessity of America's entrance into the war in order to crush German insolence".

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Nordisk Tidende is in a position to reach a large number of unnaturalized Norwegians. Last November, the paper printed an article explaining the rules for exemption of foreign citizens from military service, and in doing so gave special typographical display to the following paragraph:

"We hope that no Norwegian citizen will claim exemption unless absolutely compelled to do so. Norwegian citizens should remember that America is fighting for the right of small nations, and that a victorious ending of the war is just as important for Norway as for America herself."

In conclusion, we quote from a fervently patriotic editorial in a recent number of the Duluth Skandinav:

"Perhaps some of us feel a little depressed because duty lays upon our shoulders a burden which is a thousand times easier to bear than that borne by the soldier's

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mother or father. Perhaps we think times are hard, and we complain that we are not getting out of life all the pleasure and happiness that is our due. And yet, think for a moment of what is happening in the various training camps in this country; think of what is happening in Europe; think of the suffering, the privation, the losses, the pain, and the anguish, physical and mental, that is endured by the men in the trenches, and you will awaken to a new understanding--an understanding that will make you sacrifice everything to be of the greatest help, that will make you unfold all your powers to help not only our own community, but the entire world. Then duty will become a precious burden to you. You will sit down and think of what you have left undone that you might have done. You will feel small and weak and miserable when you measure yourself with your own great desire to work wonders, and you will feel what a great debt you owe to those who are pouring out their heart's blood on the soil of France.

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Skandinaven, Sept.18,1917.



MARCUS THRANE

A grandson of the old deceased radical, Marcus Thrane, living in Chicago, wishes to gain possession of reminiscences of his grandfather, such as articles or letters from him or about him, copies of a paper, Nordlyset, which he published in Chicago about 1876, also the first year of Den Nyetid, 1879-1884, again a play of three acts, by the name of Konspirationen (The Conspiracy), written by him a couple of years before he died. Information is also desired of the whereabouts of the oil painting of Marcus Thrane used on the stage in Aurora Turner Hall, 1891, at the Thrane memorial festival.

The members of the society, "Norway a Republic" (about 1884) now living, are requested to forward their names and addresses; in addition, it would be desirable to get into touch with some of those who contributed toward the



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payment of Thrane's trip to Norway in 1884, perhaps also contributed toward the publishing of the pamphlet "Norge Som Republik" (Norway as a Republic) about 1884.

Any information at all relative to these matters, should be addressed to Olaf Ray, 30 N. Dearborn St., who has contacts with Thrane's grandson in Norway; a comprehensive work about Marcus Thrane, his popular movement, and his time, is being prepared.

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Skandinaven, Aug. 9, 1917.

Winnipeg, Minn.

SKANDINAVEN WAS FIRST!

Not until today do the daily newspapers in Chicago, which use the English language bring to their readers the news of the closing of the Russian border.

Skandinaven told the story on August 6.

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And, the country is described as a high plateau of low mountains
and hills, with a few small valleys, and a few scattered
occasional rivers and streams, and a few small settlements.

Scandia, Oct. 2, 1915.

STATEMENT

Statement of ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the Act of August 24, 1912, of Scandia, published weekly at Chicago, for April, 1915:

Editor: L. H. Lund

Managing Editor: L. H. Lund

Business Manager: L. H. Lund

Publisher: L. H. Lund

Owners (If a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders holding one per cent or more of the total amount of stock. If not a corporation, give names and addresses of individual owners):

Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security-holders, holding one per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities (if there are none, so state): There are no bondholders, since L. H. Lund is

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L. H. Lund

[L. H. Lund bought, about a year before this date, all outstanding obligations
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Scandia, Aug. 14, 1915.

THE KNIGHT

Statius Arentz has become editor of the new paper The Knight, published by the Knights of the White Cross.

It was decided at their convention, held at Milwaukee, that Arentz should edit the new paper until a better man was found. That means that Arentz has a life job, for no better man than he can be found.

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Scandia, Apr. 19, 1913.

L. H. LUND

Today, April 19, L. H. Lund became owner and publisher of Scandia. The paper will follow very closely the same policy as before. L. H. Lund has been the business manager of Scandia for several years.

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NORWEGIAN SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER SUED BY POLICE INSPECTOR

The editor of Social Demokraten, the Norwegian socialist publication of Chicago, has been called into court for having published scandalous accusations against Police Inspector Sorensen, under the heading "Dis-satisfaction in Police Circles. Students at Police Officers' School of Instruction Refuse to Join Force," the paper stated that Inspector Sorensen had visited the school and had told the students they had no understanding and knew nothing, in fact, that they were dumb. The students resented this insult and refused to attend further sessions of the school. This, one may call (department) pride, from the newest recruit to the inspector himself.

We wonder how the Norwegian police department would react to such publicity as our Chicago department must squirm through as a daily diet.

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Scandia, Aug. 31, 1912.

SCANDIA

Scandia is the paper for the Norwegian businessman, for the doctor, the lawyer, the engineer, the teacher, for the minister, and last but not least, for the worker and the farmer. Scandia prints the best Norwegian news, and the best of local news. Scandia has always printed the correct news from Norway.

Scandia is your paper, because it speaks the truth; it is critical, but it is **also fair**. Scandia is no church paper. Scandia is not conservative or reactionary; it is liberal, probably even radical.

Scandia is the paper of the intellectual. It is your paper.

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Scandia, Mar. 9, 1912.

(Editorial)

We are often asked, "Why do you report lectures by Socialists, radicals, free-thinkers, etc.?" "One might as well ask, Why is the day light or the night dark?"

Scandia, is the organ of the fair-minded thinking group of our Norwegian-American public: we have no party connections and are free, open and independent; we carry no man's collar or yoke. We represent a new and different element of our people, a new spirit of progress and freedom.

The Norwegian-American press has long been dominated by narrow-minded opinions and bosses, and among these the single track, retrogressive, narrow-minds of leaders(?) in our Norwegian churches have by no means been the weakest detrimental influence.

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Scandia is the herald of a new day, a new line of thought, and a new idea of personal and religious freedom, and for this reason we are critized, heckled and damned by the mentally dead, ultra-conservative press. We recognize no master but our readers, and as long as Scandia lives, its columns are open to all decent citizens; their viewpoints will be printed even tho we may personally disagree with their every ideas. We publish socialistic articles because they refer to a world-wide movement that presents a theory and an ideal so different from the present slavery and exploitation that one involuntarily feels a growing interest in statements by the leaders of the party. While we are anything but atheists or free-thinkers, we will continue to publish articles submitted on such subjects, in the belief that much can be learned and new struggle developed through knowledge of the claims of the opposition.

Scandia, Mar. 9, 1912.

Regarding religious articles, we remain neutral. Religion is, in the strictest sense, a question of belief, and belief or unbelief is optional with the individual.

With these thoughts in view, Scandia will continue to publish articles contributed either by radical or conservative writers, and, so far as our personal comments and judgment are concerned, we shall be as fair and impartial as possible, regardless of subject or contributor. Deep thought is constructive, and we pity those who tenaciously hang on to traditions and ideas of predecessors, and dare not think for themselves or give voice to their thoughts. These individual are in the most abject slavery.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 4, 1911.

THE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PRESS

There have always been people who take a skeptical view of the patriotic functions of the foreign-language press in the matter of Americanization. The feeling is different among the foreign-language editors. They know that the foreign-language press is absolutely American in its ideals and views. Without getting at the facts it was assumed offhand that any continued use of a foreign language was in itself a hindrance to the inculcation of American ideals. The critics forgot that for the adult immigrants the language of their birthplace is the only medium by which any ideas relating to America can be communicated. It is not surprising, therefore, that Max Henrici made a strong appeal for the use of foreign-language newspapers as factors in that social amalgamation for which all true Americans are striving. He called attention to the fact that it was that apostle of common sense, as well as uncommon science, Benjamin Franklin, who was the first to recognize the value of using a foreign tongue for the purpose of Americanizing the newcomers. Franklin's Philadelphia Zeitung, which came out in 1732, was the first foreign-language newspaper published in America.

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Today more than 750 foreign-language newspapers in thirty different languages are printed in the United States and Canada, reaching eight million people and having a combined capital of twenty-seven million dollars. Those who would ignore these papers in spite of the numbers of their subscribers, and especially those advocating a simplified Americanism, are blind to the facts of the situation, since, for the most part, every foreign periodical printed in the United States has as its object a sort of confession of American faith as follows:

"To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this, our adopted country, the United States of America; to revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them; to strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty; and in all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it."

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LOYALTY AND THE FOREIGN PRESS

(Editorial in English)

The statement made at a recent meeting of the Allied Patriotic Societies that there are two thousand foreign language papers in the United States which attack our government, is an unwarranted charge against a section of our press which for the most part is thoroughly American in spirit, and which constitutes the most important force in encouraging the immigrant to learn English and to become a citizen. These papers serve the useful purpose of acquainting the foreign-speaking people of the country with our American institutions and of helping the newcomer to adjust himself to his new environment.

As part of its work with the foreign language press, the Foreign Language Information Service is regularly reading eight hundred foreign language papers, more than six thousand issues every month. We do not accuse them of being un-American or disloyal. Quite the reverse is true. A careful analysis shows that

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they are, for the most part, concerned with American matters, and they divide on political issues in just about the same proportions as do our English language papers. A study of 8,500 editorials in our foreign language newspapers showed that they do not differ essentially in subject or emphasis of editorial comment from the vernacular press. Just as with English language newspapers there are a few radical papers, but they are in a very small minority. As a whole the foreign language press is loyal and conservative.

The foreign language papers do not have to be urged to print material relative to America, her laws and institutions. They are only too glad to do so. They want facts, however, not propaganda. As one editor expressed [it] in a letter to the Service:

"You seem to know exactly what is of importance and interest to the immigrant reader....and you never inject offensive propaganda of any sort. That is the best method of Americanizing--not by coercion, abuse, preaching, nagging, bragging...."

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Hundreds of other editorials and letters have expressed similar appreciation of information about America.

In its work, the Foreign Language Information Service has the hearty co-operation of the Federal Government which has long recognized the value of utilizing the great force represented by the foreign language newspapers. It has realized that many immigrants coming here as adults will never be able to learn to read English with sufficient facility to understand American history and government unless the information is made available in their mother tongue.

In a letter dated November 7, the Secretary of State wrote to the Service as follows:

"In helping the immigrant to become an asset to American industry and to American life as a whole, I am convinced that there is no more important task than to acquaint him with our standards, customs, laws, and institutions. This you are doing through your practical and helpful releases to the foreign language press."

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The United States Commissioner of Education has spoken in similar terms. In a recent letter to the Service he says:

"The Foreign Language Information Service has the hearty approval and the cordial support of the United States Bureau of Education....By translating pertinent portions of our publications and supplying the substance of them to the foreign language publishers in their own language, you have greatly extended the circulation of the information which it is our duty to diffuse. You have thus helped us; you have aided the cause of public education, and you have been of material assistance in forwarding the Americanization of our foreign-born citizens."

To believe that just because a newspaper is printed in a foreign language it must be radical, reflects a surprising provincialism. If those who worry about the loyalty of the immigrant would worry more about giving him a square deal, the country would have less reason for concern. Loyalty cannot be inculcated by command or threat. As an Italian editor said in a recent editorial: "In order to love a country, particularly a great, vast, and complex country like America,

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it is necessary, before everything else, to know her."

If the newcomer is made to feel at home, if he believes that he has an equal opportunity, and that America cares about giving him a square deal, no question as to his affectionate loyalty for his adopted country will arise. A sympathetic understanding on the part of native-born Americans of their foreign-born neighbor and his special problems is a vital factor in furthering the immigrants' assimilation and in the matter of national unity.

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(Editorial)

p.4.....We present herewith excerpts from "Tidens Tegn," (Signs of the Times) published in Christiania, Norway, regarding the mission of the press and its freedom.

"When the press abuses its privilege by publishing harmful and slanderous attacks on a private citizen it is only just that the press be punished and its opportunities for such misuse limited. However, public officials and organizations of all kinds should at all times be willing objects of just criticism. The slightest reasonable doubt as to honesty of purpose or action on the part of an individual or group justifies a demand, by the press, for a complete and fair investigation for the good of all. The attempt to intimidate the press, in such cases, does not tend to build up or strengthen the faith of the public in the intimidating parties and the man or group of men whose cause and methods are upright have nothing to lose or fear by the publicity of a press investigation. The honest ones have but to "lay their cards on the table" and the investigation and its attendant publicity will strengthen their own position as well as the general faith in them. Only the guilty ones should need fear the press.

As far as public officials and institutions are concerned the free, frank press is the community's best and almost only means of control. Should the day ever come when the press no longer would be permitted to call the attention of the public to irregularities or questionable acts of individuals or institutions supposedly serving the public, on that day vice, graft and crime will occupy our capitols and chaos would ensue." Scandia can only add - May our free press controlled by a free people live forever.

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BOOKS

Skandinaven has opened an antiquarian division in its book department. Below are a few of the books on sale:

Overland, History of Norway, in seven volumes, binding fair, slightly worn, \$15.

Overland, History of Norway, bound in morocco, \$22.

Ibsen, Complete Works, first edition.

Daal and Drolson, History of the World, first edition, six volumes, \$13.

Lumholtz, Among Mexico's Indians.

Holberg, Comedies, two volumes, published 1824. A literary curiosity.

Ibsen's unpublished manuscripts, unbound, good condition.

Henrik Gran, Papers on Ibsen Festival, few copies, rare.

Jorgen Moe, Complete Works, two volumes, rare.

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The volumes described above are but a few of the rare and valuable books available. We can supply you with practically everything in print. Let us look up that rare publication you may want.

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Scandia, Dec. 17, 1910.

SCANDIA

Scandia begins a series of biographies of well-known Chicago Norwegians.
The series will be known as "Portraits".

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Scandia, Dec. 3, 1910.

SCANDIA

H. O. Sundby-Hansen [Dane] is the new editor of Scandia. L. H. Lund is the business manager. The office has been moved to 2818 West North Avenue.

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Scandia, Oct. 22, 1910.

SCANDIA

Scandia will continue as a liberal paper after the death of its editor, Anton B. Lange. We will announce later who the new editor will be.

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Scandia, August, 1910.

[SCANDIA'S FORMAT IN 1910]

[Translator's note: Scandia in 1910 consisted of two pages only, containing four columns of news from Norway, three columns of poetry, and a short story of five columns; the remaining space was filled with advertisements. There were no editorials. A. B. Lange was the editor.]

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Skandinaven, Jan. 4, 1908.

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ANNUAL REPORT

"Skandinaven is planning to present a survey of the activities of Norwegian congregations and societies during the past year. May we therefore request that you kindly submit to us a brief account of the more important events within your organization during 1907?"

The above quoted letter has been sent to all Norwegian churches and societies in Chicago. If any organization has been overlooked, please consider this paragraph a personal request.

Please mail the report at your earliest convenience, and make it as brief and at the same time as comprehensive as possible. A brief outline of your organization's plans for the current year is also desirable.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Skandinaven has opened a South Side office at 185 Dearborn Street, Adams Express Building, next to The Fair. The office is located in rooms 322 and 324, where subscriptions and advertisements are being received.

Many of our readers will undoubtedly find it convenient to execute their business with the paper at the down town office, when they are in that part of the city.

John Anderson Publishing Co.

Scandia, Mar. 18, 1905.

SKANDINAVEN AGAIN

Our genial competitor (?) on Peoria Street seems to have one policy, and one policy only--to enrich the Norwegian and the English languages.

In English, for an example we see such words as "fire machine" for our very ordinary fire department. City Mechanic indicates a machinist employed by the city. Now Sir John [John Anderson] begins an interesting editorial with the expression live cattle instead of livestock. This Peoria Street English and Norwegian, we are sure, will enrich the languages tremendously.

Why, oh why, is it that Skandinaven thus gets away with murder? If Scandia or any other paper made the same mistakes--my God, what would happen?

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Scandia, Feb. 25, 1905.

CUR PRESS

We note from time to time how Peer Strømme criticizes the provincial press, as he calls it, for its Volapuk English, a mixture of Norwegian, English, and Mesopotamian--almost like that used in our great Chicago daily, Skandinaven.

The English used by Skandinaven is not only quaint but original, in fact so original that when one travels in the West, it is easy to judge by the language of the natives whether or not they subscribe to Skandinaven.

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Scandia, July 23, 1904.

NYE NORDMANDEN

Nye Nordmanden (The New Norseman) was [recently] bought by the Danish ward heeler, C. A. Quist. Mr. Quist owned the paper for a couple of weeks and then sold it to Peer O. Stromme. The journal was for a long time socialist, atheist, and free-thinker.

We feel sorry for Nye Nordmanden; its days are few. Whenever Peer tries to edit a paper, the paper suffers and slowly and painfully dies. Well, Peer can soon preach another funeral sermon.

Scandia, July 5, 1904.

OUR BIG BROTHER

"Our Big Brother" (Skandinaven) displays great editorial confusion, stupidity, etc. But, at the same time, the medal bearers, Knights of the Cross, crusaders, and "knights of this and that" from the editorial staff of "Our Big Brother", are improving as translators. Last week, in an article, the German name Mr. Joseph Sonenschein was translated to Mr. Joseph Sunshine.

We congratulate the editorial staff on the improvements, such as they are, which are being made in translations from other languages. But Scandia respectfully calls the attention of Skandinaven to the fact that one does not translate given names or surnames. It may be that, in doing this, Skandinaven is attempting to be humorous. But, thank God, that's impossible.

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Scandia, Apr. 2, 1904.

SKANDINAVEN

Skandinaven has long been an old offender, and the worst, when it comes to "murdering" the Norwegian language. But Skandinaven has a competitor that is equally as bad, or should we say good, at the same literary "crime". This paper is the weekly Norden. A recent copy of Norden carried a news item telling of a man who fell into the hold of a ship, and was "Affort" (Affort: cathartic--evacuated--purged--etc.) to the hospital. We wonder what kind of a vehicle was used. Castor Oil?

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Scandia, Jan. 2, 1904.

SCANDIA

Scandia has moved quite often lately. The reason for all this moving is that we must follow the trek of the Scandinavians as they move further West and Northwest. Scandia has moved from 811 North Western Avenue [Old number] to 661 West North Avenue [present number, 2440].

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 28, 1901.

/SKANDINAVEN PUBLISHER HONORED/

Mr. John Anderson, publisher of Skandinaven, was made a Knight of the Norwegian Order of St. Olaf the other day. The Norwegian-Swedish Consul, John Lindgren, who, for the occasion, represented Norwegian-Swedish Ambassador Grip in Washington, functioned, and the Cross of Knighthood was presented to Mr. Anderson at his home, since he has been indisposed for some time.

Mr. Lindgren said, among other things, that the Norwegian government representing the Norwegian people had witnessed with pleasure the warm interest displayed by Norwegians in America in affairs touching their former homeland. This they have manifested in many ways, especially in their readiness to aid where suffering has come to the people in Norway, as after the great catastrophes at Titran and Rövär. On these occasions money was contributed from all countries, but most of all from the Norwegians in America. This was in a great measure due to the work of Skandinaven which placed all its influence at the service of the cause and thus accomplished a great task for the benefit of Norway.



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For ages it has been the custom among rulers of nations to honor people who have given great service, by bestowing upon them medals, etc. Such presentations of signs of honor were in former days chiefly given to warriors and conquerors; nowadays they are presented to men of peace. In recognition of the valuable work in peace accomplished by Mr. John Anderson through his paper, Skandinaven, the Cross of Knighthood, First Class, of the Order of St. Olaf was now being presented the publisher. Mr. Anderson and the other donors to those suffering the effects of the catastrophe previously referred to, Mr. Lindgren said, had already received reward in the gratitude expressed when the gifts were received in Norway. The Cross of Knighthood was the recognition by the country as a whole.

Mr. Lindgren concluded by referring to the statement of the Norwegian-Swedish King that he was convinced Mr. Anderson would prove worthy of the high honor bestowed upon him.

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Mr. Anderson accepted the distinction with thanks to Norway and its King for the high honor. In regard to the means sent to Norway to alleviate need he had merely considered himself an agent for the Norwegian people, he said. During his years as publisher he had had numerous proofs of the heartfelt response from the Norwegian people in America to requests for aid from Norway....He had seen both rich and poor respond, and he found it natural that the Norwegian government would appreciate this.

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....He asked Consul Lindgren to transmit his thanks to Norway and to King Oscar, together with his best wishes for the welfare and happiness of Norway and its King.



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MR. JOHN ANDERSON IS MADE KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF ST. OLAF
by
Olaf Ray

The publisher of Skandinaven, Mr. John Anderson, has been made a Knight of the Norwegian Order of St. Olaf. This is a piece of news at which the Norwegians here rejoice. . . . No business undertaking among the Norwegians has more greatly served to aid mutual understanding, co-operation, and vigorous connection between the Norwegians here and in Norway than Skandinaven. The publisher will honor the group of outstanding Norwegians in America among whom he has been ranked through his having been made a Knight of St. Olaf.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 21, 1901.

[HOW MUCH FOR MONEY?]

(Editorial)

"And now it has been revealed that the orthodox Skandinaven has been printing the anarchist paper Free Society, from the very day the well-known Isaak started the paper! Now we know that it is true, as has often been said, that all that the Skandinaven cares for is money.

"No less than the murder of a president would suffice to make the Skandinaven cease printing the anarchist paper here mentioned; the money which the printing brought in was too good to miss.

"(Signed) J. S. Holland,
"St. Olaf Hospital,
"Austin, Minnesota."

The honored correspondent is somewhat misinformed as to the facts in the case



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he refers to. It is not true that the Skandinaven all along has been printing the anarchist paper Free Society; Skandinaven never printed the paper in question.

According to information gathered by Skandinaven, Isaak has published his paper, under various names, in New York, in California, and elsewhere. In February of this year he began its publication in Chicago under the name Free Society. He invited several printing concerns to make bids on the printing of the paper. The lowest bidder was D. W. Mathews and Company, a company which had rented space in the Skandinaven building. Of course, the firm was paid for its work; its printing plant was conducted on the same basis as all other printing plants; it tried to save some money through printing.

Mathews and Company did not know that the paper was an anarchist paper. It is not the custom in this country for the printing plants to censor what is presented for printing; much of the printing is done without anyone except



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the typesetter knowing the contents of the matter to be printed. As to the printing of newspapers, it is enough for the printers to know that the postal service is open to the paper, as was the case with Free Society. It seems safe to assume that whatever is admitted to the mails by the government must be safe to print. Mathews and Company has informed Skandinaven that the firm did not know of the contents of Free Society, but assumed it to be some sort of a socialist paper.

Last summer Skandinaven took over the plant and business of Mathews and Company--for reasons that are of no concern to Mr. Holland. On such occasions it is customary to complete contracts entered into by the previous owners. It did not occur to the new owners to make any exception in regard to the newspaper in question; they knew even less about it than did the previous owners. Least of all did the new owners suspect the paper of being anarchistic; the Post Office Department was treating it exactly like other newspapers.



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Then occurred the murderous assault upon President McKinley, and Isaak was arrested. In connection with his arrest it was revealed that Free Society was an anarchist paper. Its printing in the building of Skandinaven was immediately stopped, and two or three weeks later the Chicago postmaster decided to stop, temporarily, its transmission through the mails.

The above constitute the facts in the case.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 30, 1901.

READ IN ALL LANDS

(Editorial in English)

From Klee Brothers and Company, clothiers, the Skandinaven yesterday received a brief note reading as follows:

"Gentlemen:

"You will undoubtedly be pleased to learn that we have received a mail order from an ad in the Skandinaven [as follows]:

"I send you ten dollars in a money order for a three-piece suit (jacket, pants, and vest); material, mixed cassimeres or cheviot; style as on picture, for a boy age fifteen. Also for two shirts (white), one-half dozen standing collars, three pairs black stockings, and one tie, all for a boy of fifteen.



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"Please answer order promptly and address

Mrs. W. Hannestad,
Paia Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

"P.S.--I suppose the goods may be sent by mail in one or maybe two packages. Hoping to be fairly treated and to hear from you as soon as possible,

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. Hannestad."

The Skandinaven is always pleased to learn that advertisers who patronize its columns receive ample returns and it is justified in stating that it has abundant proof in this respect. Nor is this the first time advertisements in this paper have brought orders from foreign fields.

The circulation of the Skandinaven is perhaps more general in character



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than any other newspaper published in the United States. Unlike the Constitution, the Skandinaven follows the flag--the flag of the United States, the flag of Norway, and the flags of Denmark and Sweden. The flag of Norway is seen on all seas and in every harbor, and the Skandinaven is also there to carry greetings to Norwegian tars. It has readers in every state and territory of the United States, and in every province of Canada; it has a large circulation in the Scandinavian countries; it has patrons in Europe; it goes to Porto Rico, Cuba, and a number of the other islands in the West Indies; it is found in most of the republics of Central and South America; it is a regular visitor in many homes in the Hawaiian Islands; it calls upon sailors and missionaries in Japan, China, and India; it has cheered many of our brave boys in the camps in the Philippines; it finds its way to the cities and mission stations of South Africa, from Cape Town to Pretoria; it is a welcome guest in many homes in Madagascar; it has many readers in Australia and New Zealand; in short, it covers the globe and is read everywhere.

This applies especially to the semiweekly edition. And many advertisers in

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this edition can testify that their first orders from foreign countries came in response to advertisements in the semiweekly Skandinaven. It has brought orders for ploughs, pianos, sewing machines, watches, patent medicines, patterns, tools, etc. from the Scandinavian countries, Canada, Hawaii, etc.

Until a couple of years ago the circulation of the daily Skandinaven was mainly confined to Chicago. But the daily edition has since been forging ahead rapidly in the Northwestern states and also in the more distant fields generally, and for the most part in Chicago and the Middle West.

The secret of this paper's high value as an advertising medium is to be found in the implicit confidence placed in it by its readers. But for this fact the advertisement of Klee Brothers and Company would have brought no response from a lady living in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, some five thousand miles from Chicago. But the readers know that what the Skandinaven says is so, and this confidence extends to the advertising



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columns of the paper.

[Translator's note: In 1910-1913 the translator saw copies of the Skandinaven five hundred miles up the Amazon River, and the Negro and Madera. So this editorial is no idle boast.]



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Scandia, Feb. 13, 1901.

MR. CHRISTIAN BOTKER

Mr. Christian Botker, editor (?) of the Danish weekly Revyen, is very much offended because a Norwegian paper in New York and a Norwegian paper in Chicago have taken issue with him because he pretends to be both Norwegian and Danish. In his capacity as editor of the Danish-Norwegian (?) paper he executes the most sensational literary acrobatics. He also loves to copy news items from Scandia, and then accuse us of plagiarism.

Now he pins roses on himself, asserting that he was one of the judges at the skating tournament held by the Sleipner Society in Humboldt Park. Just think of it! Botker the Dane--pardon us, the "Norwegian-Dane"--a judge! Well, Mr. Botker explains that it was a typographical ~~error~~. How? Well, let him tell you:

"The name of Judge Number Five, Charles Rodker, was accidentally (?)

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That may be, but Revyen had the name as number one on the list.

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A WORD TO THE YOUNG

by

Hans P. Egedahl

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Among the many departments in the Skandinaven, there is one carrying the caption "For the Youth". It is not a department about the young people, but a department by the young people; a column in the paper where the young men and women who have something to say find open space for their letters and articles exactly as has been the case hitherto in regard to the subscriber of long standing--the traveling agent and the news reporter. Only one special rule has been applied in the youth column: it is requested that the young writers express themselves briefly; form their sentences clearly; use language that is easily understood.

Someone may interpose the question here: How can the paper expect such excellency in style and language from the young, when it is often found

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that even learned writers of long experience with the pen are using expressions which are not clear or easily understood? The answer to this is: The rule referred to, is not to be considered an absolute law which must not be broken; rather an ideal toward which the young people should aim and strive, and it is set up just in order that everybody may be encouraged and find a chance to practice along the lines mentioned. It is for these reasons that the editors have decided to open this column for the young people; there was no such chance for the editor and his many fellow workers upon the paper when they were in the years between school and adult life.

Many a time have I heard people speak of the youth column in Skandinaven, and the criticism leveled against the column has often been of the kind which finds little to praise, but lots to blame. But in spite of all criticism, I have not yet heard anybody suggest that the column be discontinued. On the other hand, many have had the impression, as I have, that the column may be compared to a brook; in spring it is full and overflowing; in midsummer its flow diminishes and the brook may go dry.

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This fact seems to me to indicate something wrong, something lacking in our young people, and I wish to appeal to those who have taken advantage of the column so far, as well as to the many thousand who have not taken the chance to give voice to their opinions, that a splendid chance is given you through the youth column. Take advantage of it; do not be so lazy or lacking in interest as to abstain from sending to the Skandinaven your contributions about matters that concern you, or about which you have made up your opinion. The paper has opened its columns for you. Now give to the paper such a flood of articles as the farmers have done, so that the paper may have something to choose from. For the long run this will benefit the young themselves. Do not forget that before long you who are now called youth will be among the groups of leaders in church and in state, and if you have gained practice in the field of matching your mental powers with those of others, then you will soon be able to speak and write concerning problems up for debate; you will be able to make motions, giving your reasons for the same. But if you have not gained practice

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as mentioned, then all you can expect is to be the tools, the servants of others, and this is not what is meant by being free men and women. It is what can only be considered a mental and social zero, a nothing, only of value when attached after an integer of value. One thing more: Take care to use decent words and expressions where you have to meet the persistent assurances of people who do not want to bow to logic. Do not follow the example here of us older ones who have left examples as if we were unable to draw the line between discussion and brawl.....Let it be seen in all your dealing that you have had a worthwhile up-bringing, and that you are living in a country where the law guarantees equality, liberty, justice. But the word of God requires that you love God above everything, and your neighbor as yourself.....

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Scandia, Mar. 24, 1900.

SCANDIA

Scandia can celebrate its 12th anniversary this year. The first issue was published in 1888. The paper has always been liberal, fair, and uncompromising on its issues and policy.

Scandia has always been a paper for the masses.

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Scandia, Nov. 25, 1899.

MAX SOMMER [RESIGNS EDITORSHIP]

Max Sommer has resigned as editor of Arbeideren (The Worker). It is said that Arbeideren has learned the same lesson which several other Scandinavian newspapers in Chicago have learned. We hope that Max will leave town.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 16, 1899.

[FREE SCHOLARSHIP]

A thirty-five week scholarship is offered to young readers of the Skandinaven: six boys and six girls. The girl, in a group of six, who sells the most yearly subscriptions for 1900, will receive the scholarship; the other five girls in the group will receive cash prizes. The boy, in a group of six, who sells the largest number of copies of "Man's Life in the Light of God" will receive a free scholarship; the remaining five will receive cash prizes.

The scholarships are for one whole year at the Albion Academy, in Albion, Wisconsin. [The Albion Academy was a Scandinavian college.]



Scandia, Oct. 14, 1899.

A FEUD

On last Wednesday the trial of the case of Botker versus Antonsen was held in Judge Kersten's court. Christian Botker asserted that Carl Antonsen had waylaid him in the lobby of the building in which Revyen (The Review) has its offices. Antonsen said, according to witnesses, that Botker attacked him in every issue of Revyen. The elevator operator said on the witness stand that the litigants quarreled in Danish and in English, and that Antonsen said, "I'll shoot and kill you."

Botker also claimed that Mrs. Antonsen and her mother had attacked him in the press room of the paper, beating him about the head and shoulders until he nearly fainted. Antonsen, as we know, is the Chicago editor of the Pioneer. Attorney Olaf Ray appeared for Botker, and Attorney Reese for Antonsen.

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/Reprint of Skandinaven Issued Five days after the Chicago Fire/

Skandinaven, Chicago, Saturday, Oct. 14, 1871.

THE GREAT FIRE
Complete Destruction
Eighty Thousand People Homeless;
At Least Two Hundred Dead

When we try to tell about the great catastrophe of last Monday, we begin to realize how impotent language is.

The scene: Early morning, great clouds of smoke tumbling westward, a fire that it is impossible to combat. Yes, the wildest imagination could hardly conceive or portray in words the grandeur and the horror of the hellish fire



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that is swiftly consuming three thousand acres of houses. We can hardly describe it in words. After the excitement has passed, there follow the reaction--and the reality: we see the charred remains of what was once a great city. The entire South Side from 16th Street to the river, and the North Side from the river to Fullerton Avenue (city limits) is in ashes. In less than twenty-four hours more than two-thirds of the city has been laid waste. The great buildings are all destroyed--the "gold coast" along Michigan Avenue, Wabash Avenue, and State Street, the Post Office, the Customhouse, the Marine Hospital, the Courthouse and many hotels on the South Side. The city's banks, the Stock Exchange, and all the great business houses in the central business district [are in ruins]. The Norwegian Church on Erie Street is no more, the Swedish Church on Sedgewick Street is in ruins.

The Scandinavians on the Northwest Side lost all they owned, but the new Scandinavian colony on the West Side suffered very little; here the homeless from the destroyed districts are being cared for.



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The latest report states that there are two hundred dead, but this cannot be correct because we believe that more than that died while trying to cross the river.....

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A LITTLE HISTORY

Memoirs of the First Few Years after the Chicago Fire

In view of the fact that the Skandinaven has just celebrated its thirty-third anniversary, I think it is a good time to review the reconstruction of the Skandinaven in the hard years just after the great fire.

As the readers know, the Chicago Fire started late on the night of October 8, 1871, and burned all day and all night on October 9. The building owned by the John Anderson Publishing Company, where Skandinaven had its offices, on South Water Street, was totally destroyed. With unbelievable speed the fire raced southwest toward the building, and soon it was known that the fire would reach the building, though for a while it looked as if the river would check the fire. We arrived about two-thirty in the morning; the building next door was already afire, and among flying firebrands we began to



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carry out what we thought was the most important to save. We could not use the Clark Street entrance, which was a flaming hell, but the fire escape on the alley side of the building was still free of flames. We had carried a few things out, but it became so hot we could stand it no longer, and we soon fled toward Wells Street. When we looked back, our building was one great ball of fire, and the building near ours where the Danish paper Fremad had its office, actually went up like a torch.

After resting a few minutes on the north side of the Wells Street bridge, we soon had to flee again, and at about four o'clock I arrived at my home on West Erie Street. Mr. Mortensen, my neighbor and the editor of Folkevennen, was sound asleep. I awakened him and we went to the home of Professor Sven Nielson, assistant editor of Skandinaven, where we showed him what little I had saved. He was very happy because the few records I carried were very important.



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About ten o'clock in the morning of October 10, we met Mr. John Anderson, Skandinaven's owner, and Mr. Knud Langeland, the paper's editor, running northwest on Milwaukee Avenue, and soon all of us were fleeing further west.

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A strong wind drove smoke and sparks more than two miles to the north of the fire, and time and time again John Anderson's home caught fire. Only by throwing water on the roof and sides of the house were the flames kept in check. This was a big job because all the water was carried in pails from a pump in the yard. A change in the direction of the wind saved the property.

Trying to save the furnishings of the house, they dug a deep pit in the



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yard, where everything movable, such as furniture, rugs, bedding, and food, was placed and later covered by dirt. This proved to be the hardest task of all. They even moved the piano into a pit in the yard; what a job it must have been!

On the first Saturday following the fire, the Skandinaven appeared again. Anderson had had it set and printed in Wisconsin, and it was the only paper to appear on the streets for weeks to come. It was an odd sight to see the boys running through the streets selling the one and only paper published at the time, while flames and smoke were still reaching for the sky. People nearly mobbed the newsboys trying to get a copy of the comparatively few papers for sale. The boys sold the papers for ten and fifteen cents, and sometimes for a quarter.

Later the Skandinaven, by accident, discovered a hand press in fair shape.



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This they used, and a greater number of papers appeared and were sold as fast as they were printed. The Skandinaven, being printed in Norwegian, was read only by Scandinavians, but one could see groups on the street corners, listening to someone translating to people who did not read the language.

The printers and setters offered to work for one-half of their usual wages, in order to help the paper in its new start. All insurance being cancelled, the paper needed capital; and it was a great effort to publish it in its daily form.

The next place used to publish the paper was in a machine shop on the corner of Canal and Washington Streets. The noise there was terrible, but we worked like horses, and the paper was published as per schedule. Then we found a suitable place at 73-75 Kinzie Street, near Milwaukee Avenue. The subscriptions



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poured in, and money was now available.

In the summer of 1872, a competitor started the daily, America. The editors and staff were ex-employees of the Skandinaven; they had quite a lot of capital, so it is only natural that they proved to be real competition. But Skandinaven doubled its circulation every month. And even though the America did have a lot of money to work with, Skandinaven was soon able to buy the paper.

The growth of Skandinaven was tremendous, and Senator J. A. Johnson of Madison, Wisconsin, and Victor F. Lawson (the present publisher of the Daily News and Record), became partners, and a new era began for the paper. The editorial staff had offices in the present Daily News Building, and we may truthfully say that the Daily News is the English offspring of Skandinaven.



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Skandinaven started printing and selling books in 1877, so they acquired the building at 87-89 Franklin Street. Late in 1877, Skandinaven bought the Danish paper, Heimdal, which increased the subscription list by 2,000. Again the paper needed more space, so a building on Peoria Street, near Milwaukee Avenue, was purchased. This gave an impetus to the growing paper, which was now a national paper.

The years of hard work just after the Chicago Fire showed that the paper had friends, good friends, that worked day and night to make the one-sheet "fire special" a great and assured success.



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A FOREIGN PRESS INDISPENSABLE

(Editorial in English)

The Chicago Times-Herald has rushed into the arena to explain why the Illinois Staats-Zeitung failed. Our hyphenated contemporary points to the decrease in German immigration since hard times set in in this country, and asserts that "the supply of readers of German newspapers is growing smaller year by year," because "the vast majority of the children of earlier German immigrants read newspapers printed in English only".

The Times-Herald has permitted the wish to father the thought, and hence has drawn conclusions totally at variance with the facts. The Chicago Freie Presse, a German morning daily that has not gone into bankruptcy, shows that, so far from "dying out," the German press of Chicago has grown apace in recent years and enjoys a sturdy health that well may excite the envy of some English-speaking contemporaries. Says the Freie Presse in part:

"German immigration has always fluctuated. Since 1893 times have not been at





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all prosperous here, while Germany had a boom. Consequently the immigration from our fatherland decreased considerably. Germany is densely settled and if the conditions change, so that we have prosperity here, while the old country is having a spell of hard times, German immigration will flow to our shores again.

"Regarding the number and the circulation of the German dailies of Chicago, we will state a few facts. For some time Chicago had only two German dailies: the Illinois Staats-Zeitung as a morning and the Freie Presse as an evening paper. At present we have two German morning journals, the Freie Presse and the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, and four evening papers, the Abend Presse, the Abendblatt, the Abendpost, and the Arbeiter-Zeitung. The circulation of the Chicago German dailies is now over six times larger than it was some years ago. The German-American press of Chicago has therefore not lost, but greatly gained in circulation.

"We do not wish to say unkind words about our contemporary during its agony, but when its bankruptcy is used by other journals for the purpose of 'proving' the declination of the German-American press, we are forced to point out one of the many mistakes of the management that has caused the financial distress of the once

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powerful paper. The fact that the Illinois Staats-Zeitung has failed with liabilities of \$250,000 cannot be used as a 'proof' that the German-American press is on the decline. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If the failure of a paper printed in the German language proves the decline of the German-American press, then the English-American press is also on the wane. The Chicago Times and the Chicago Mail, as well as the Chicago Democrat, have failed and a number of other Chicago papers, printed in English, are financially embarrassed. The talk about the "dying out" of the German-American press should be left to weak-minded people who never investigate a question before they speak of it.

"In closing this article we will point to an argument made against the German-American press by superficial observers. The fact that many German-Americans read English papers in the streetcars is offered as proof 'that the Germans read English dailies' and not German journals. But if one closely investigates the matter, he will find that the Germans read the German papers at home; that the men are reading English dailies on trains to improve their English; but that the ladies, who are purchasing goods for the families, are with rare exceptions reading only



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German dailies. While these ladies are mostly able to carry on a conversation in English, they prefer to read German for three reasons: they read German more easily, they find news from all parts of their fatherland in the German publications, and also reports of the Chicago German societies. Experienced businessmen are familiar with these facts."

The facts presented by the Freie Presse are conclusive and furnish incontestible evidence of the utter absurdity of the position taken by the Times-Herald.

And what is true of the German press is also true of the Scandinavian, the Polish, the Bohemian press, etc. The circulation of the Skandinaven is larger now than ever before, and is constantly increasing, and the same may be said of the Swedish newspapers of Chicago. These facts may be a puzzle to many who have come to understand that our adopted citizens are just as loyal, just as good patriots as those to the manor born, and in some respects even better, but who seem to be unable to understand that citizens may be good Americans even if they know and make use of some other language besides the English. But they are perfectly clear to anyone



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who will take the trouble to look into the matter. It is a well-established and well-known fact that the English-speaking press falls far short of supplying the wants of our adopted citizens. Whether they be rich or poor, whether they be businessmen, professional men, mechanics, or day laborers, they read one or more newspapers in their respective mother tongues because these journals minister to wants that cannot be supplied through any other channel. The native-born immigrant from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or any other section of the country, in perusing his daily paper, never misses an item from his native heath. Impelled by the best impulses of his nature, he turns instinctively to every scrap of news of this kind. The foreign-born immigrant is precisely like the native-born immigrant in this respect. He cherishes the same love for the land where he was born, or where his father and mother were born, and for this reason a newspaper in his native tongue is indispensable to him, since the English-speaking press neither does nor can cover this field. Such attempts as may have been made in this direction have thus far been miserable failures. Most of the alleged "news" of this kind furnished by our English contemporaries is as old as the hills and ridiculously unreliable. The absurd and disgusting yarns about Norway and Sweden may be mentioned by way of illustration.



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Another reason why good foreign newspapers are gaining in circulation may be found in the character of our English-speaking contemporaries. That the tone of our newspapers has undergone a great change for the worse in recent years is not to be denied. The control of many of our newspapers has been transferred from the editorial sanctum to the counting room, while conscientious caution has given way to sensationalism, and trustworthiness to unscrupulous recklessness. Many of our largest newspapers have entered upon a wild race for the favors of the worst elements among the people, while decent people have become suspicious of the honesty of the press and disgusted with its methods. The foreign press is free from these faults and vices. It does not deal in sensationalism or revel in scandal. It does not cater to the brutal instincts of the community. It does not feed its readers upon lies in order to get an opportunity to print, the next day, a correction that does not correct. Foreign newspapers are not scattered unread upon the streets or in public conveyances. They are clean, trustworthy, and wholesome family papers, and hence are taken to the homes and read by the whole family. And they enjoy the confidence of their readers in a measure that probably would appear incredible to a newspaper like the Times-Herald.



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The day may come when there will be no need of foreign newspapers in this country. But that day is so far off that the Times-Herald will not live to see it.



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DR. HANSEN HIS TIME

(Editorial in English)

"Marquise de Fontenoy" has broken loose again, this time in the columns of the Chicago Tribune. Here is a sample of a recent installment of nonsense dished up by the "marquise" to be relished by the palates of American readers:

"A curious story is current about the explorer Hansen, which would seem to indicate that the man's head has been completely turned by the adulation which he has received everywhere save in the United States on the return from his last expedition.

"It seems that at the recent regatta at Moos (Moss), on the coast of Norway,

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which constitutes the Scandinavian counterpart of the Cowes regatta and race week in England. Hansen, while passing by the royal yacht in his neighborly launch, omitted to salute King Oscar, although the latter was on deck and looking directly toward the launch.

"Oscar at the time thought that the discourtesy had been unintentional. But he was undeceived when, later in the day, at the yacht club, Hansen was the only person present who remained seated when his majesty entered, every one else in the room naturally rising to his feet.

"Asked the reason for his extraordinary behavior, Hansen contented himself with explaining proudly, 'I am Hansen,' just as if that was a sufficient reason in itself for his being absolved from compliance with any of the ordinary and conventional courtesies of social intercourse.

"It is scarcely necessary to add that after this the King ignored Hansen,

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whom he may justly denounce as guilty of ingratitude, for it was King Oscar who, out of his privy purse, furnished the major part of the money needed for the expenses of Hansen's last Arctic expedition, and who, on his return, lavished upon him the highest honors in his power to bestow, investing him with the Grand Cross of the Polar Star, as well as the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Olaf, and at the same time proceeding on board a man-of-war to welcome him at Christiania on his return from the Arctic regions.

"King Oscar seems to be singularly unfortunate in this respect. For only shortly after he had conferred the grand cross of one of his orders upon the famous Norwegian man of letters, Bjornson, the latter actually had the impudence to challenge his majesty to fight a duel, in consequence of his having heard that the King had criticised one of his poems or plays, I forget which. Bjornson insisted that the criticism, which was of the most delicate kind, and in no wise calculated to give offense, was totally



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unmerited and unjustified, and had been dictated merely by base literary jealousy on the part of Oscar, who, it is well known, has achieved distinction as a playwright, as a poet, and as a novelist."

It is unnecessary to state that all this silly tangle does not contain one grain of truth. King Oscar and Dr. Nansen would not pick the same ticket if they were to vote in the same district, but both are gentlemen and treat each other as such; what is more, they have been the very best of friends since Dr. Nansen's return. The Fram expedition cost 444,369 crowns. Of this amount the Norwegian state treasury furnished 200,000 crowns, while the balance was raised by private subscription, King Oscar contributing 50,000 crowns.

The lie about Bjornson has done duty in the Record on several occasions and is now rehearsed in the Tribune. As the readers of the Skandinaven know, this particular lie is some twenty-odd years old, but it is now served again as fresh gossip.

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This "Marquise de Fontenoy" is neither a marquise nor even a woman. The signature is one of many noms de plume used by a fellow in New York who once upon a time held an unimportant clerkship in some American consulate in Europe. He had a taste for court scandals and high life depravity, and returned to America with several trunks packed with a choice assortment of European publications that revel in reading matter of that kind. Masquerading behind a variety of noms de plume, such as "Marquise de Fontenoy," "Ex-Attache," and others, he has been selling his stale and tainted gossip, silly fabrications, and absurd lies to such American newspaper publishers who could be made to believe that the stuff was worth anything, and these publishers have in turn humbugged their readers.

The Skandinaven may fairly claim some credit for the fellow's disappearance from the columns of the Record, though our contemporary as yet has not seen fit to acknowledge the favor thus conferred upon it by this paper. But now the Tribune has taken him into its fold and is paying for the same rot in

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installments that some time ago disgraced the pages of the Record.

Contemporaries may of course publish what they please; if they want to feed their readers on discreditable humbug, it is their business. But this "Marquise de Fontenoy"-traffic has a feature they may have overlooked. Europe is quick to find fault with most things American, and our American criticism. There are some of us in this country who are in a position to defend the American press against such attacks, and seldom miss an opportunity to do so because we know its worth and are jealous of its honor. This task would be comparatively easy but for the conspicuous parading, in the columns of leading newspapers, of such fellows as this scandalmonger of an ex-clerk and others of his ilk. Their stuff is republished on the other side as a sample of the kind of reading and information that is furnished by American newspapers, and in proof of the chronic assertion that the American press is a gigantic humbug. And no one can blame people on the other side if they regard the evidence as well-nigh conclusive and settle back in their traditional conviction that

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America is a wilderness where Indians swarm and ignorance rules. This may be of small consequence, yet it would be better, and something would be gained too, if our press were to make it a point to disclose absurd prejudices instead of keeping them alive by mistakes that are even easier to avoid than to make.



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Revyen, May 15, 1897.

[NORWEGIAN PAPERS IN CHICAGO]

(Summary)

Twelve or thirteen years ago there were five Norwegian newspapers published in Chicago. Now the only one left is Skandinaven. Den Nye Tid is dead, Vort Land has disappeared, Amerika is printed in Madison, Wisconsin (the cemetery of the Norwegian press), and Norden is now printed in Minneapolis.

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NEEDLESS ALARM

(Editorial)

The Times publishes an alleged version of an editorial in the Skandinaven on "The Work of the Washburn Ring" and says: "The Times reproduces the article so as to exhibit the workings of Governor Clough's new literary bureau. This article was published in the Norwegian language, although Mr. Nicolay A. Grevstad is known to be a finished writer of English and the Skandinaven publishes a few able editorials in English. No one knows better than Mr. Grevstad that there are very few of his countrymen who do not read English, and the supposition naturally follows that the article was printed in a foreign tongue to conceal it from American readers, while impressing its grossly untrue and slanderous statements upon the Norwegian citizens."

The insinuation contained in this paragraph is ridiculous and undignified,

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to say the least. The Skandinaven is published for the benefit of Norwegian and Danish readers, and its business is primarily to speak to them in their native tongue, not [to] express opinions in English. The English language is sometimes used, but to a very limited extent, in editorials of a political nature, partly in response to a demand that exists, or ought to exist, among its [Skandinaven's] readers, and partly for the purpose of correcting current misrepresentations concerning Scandinavian men or affairs. But if Norwegian is the language of its editorial page, its columns are open to public inspection, as are those of the Times. It is illogical and absurd to assert that the purpose of the paper in publishing editorial opinions in Norwegian is to conceal what it says from American readers.

It is alleged by our contemporary that the article reproduced by it contains "grossly untrue and slanderous statements". The Skandinaven does not desire to make any statements of that description and is willing to

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stand corrected if it be shown to its satisfaction that it has said anything which is not true. Now if the Times will furnish a bill of particulars, fortified with convincing proofs, the people will be in a position to ascertain for themselves whether it is the Skandinaven or the Times that is guilty of "grossly untrue and slanderous statements".

While the Skandinaven, in common with all other newspapers, appreciates reproduction of its articles by contemporaries it desires to enter a most emphatic protest against such versions as the alleged translation appearing in the columns of the Times. A wooden Indian, fresh from the shop, could have made a better job of it.

A brief visit recently made to the Twin Cities by the editor of this paper has received an altogether disproportionate attention at the hands of the Times. Unfortunately, our contemporary has neglected to state "where it is at" /i.e., where it stands/. Here is what it says (in the March 6, 1896 issue):

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"Nicolay Grevstad was at the capital yesterday, seeking an interview with the Governor's private secretary. Mr. Grevstad is the editor of the Skandinaven, published in Chicago, and learned that the fact has been brought out that the Republican State Central Committee two years ago dispensed money to certain Scandinavian papers in Chicago. His errand to Mr. Bixby was to use his best endeavors to have given to the world the names of the Scandinavian newspapers which were so fortunate (or unfortunate) as to secure a position on the Republican party payroll of 1894. The Skandinaven is the pioneer Norwegian paper of the Northwest, having been published for the past thirty years (since 1866). No one who is acquainted with Mr. Grevstad or with the history of that newspaper would believe that either he or it could be listed in the category of purchasable commodities. But it would be curious to see just what Scandinavian newspapers are covered by Mr. Bixby's policy of insurance; and then it would further be exceedingly instructive

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to learn whether the newspapers listed were actually the recipients of the 'bounty' charged against them."

A second article, March 8, reads as follows: "Mr. Grevstad visited Minneapolis and St. Paul during the week just closed. On Thursday, he held a long private interview with James Bixby, Governor Clough's private secretary. He informed a Times reporter that he made the visit to induce Mr. Bixby to publish to the world the names of the Scandinavian newspapers in Chicago and Minneapolis which secured a share of the Republican corruption fund from the State Central Committee in 1894.

"Really, it would seem that Mr. Grevstad and the Chicago Skandinaven should be extremely chary of requesting the publication of the names of newspapers receiving pay for literary service in 1894. The precedent might be followed next year, and Mr. Grevstad would probably enjoy the printing of a detailed statement of the contract under which the Skandinaven is now serving Mr. Bixby and Governor Clough in the existing campaign.

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"Mr. Grevstad is in no danger of exposure, however, as it is one of the cardinal virtues of Mr. Bixby that he never gives up to the public the names of his hired men, or the sums he pays for their services."

While leaving it to our contemporary to explain which is which, the Skandinaven will state that the reporter of the Times received no such information as alleged. The visit alluded to was of a purely private nature, and the reporter was so informed. As he turned out to be an old friend of the visitor, a few informal private remarks were exchanged. The much-mooted article in the Times of January 9 was also mentioned. The Times man confessed very grave doubts as to the reliability of the author of that article, while the visitor expressed a desire to learn the facts in the premises.

"The long private interview with James Bixby" probably took place in the

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reporter's imagination; for it certainly occurred nowhere else. The assertion that the Skandinaven is serving Mr. Bixby and Governor Clough under a contract to aid their campaign is a "grossly untrue and slanderous statement", or, to use still plainer English, it is a lie, and the Times knows it. The Skandinaven submits that promiscuous lying is a rather unprofitable and undignified business for a newspaper with a reputation to protect and new fields to conquer. There was no apparent necessity for printing the falsehood, and our contemporary will admit that of all forms of newspaper prevarication, lying to fill space is the least respectable.

As the position of this paper on the question of the gubernatorial nomination seems to be a matter of some concern to our contemporary, it may be stated for its benefit that the Skandinaven has not expressed any opinion as to whether the Governor ought, or ought not, to receive the nomination. It has called attention to a prevailing custom in such instances and to the fact

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that his administration has invited no serious criticism; it has registered a protest against the unfair treatment which has been meted out to him in such abundant measure by a certain clique. The Skandinaven believes in a free and fair field for all candidates, the present Governor not excepted. It does not regard him as an ideal candidate by any means, but he is probably as good as any of the others, which, by the way, is saying a great deal, considering that every other Republican seems to be running for governor this year. There are better men than Governor Clough, but it does not appear that any of them have entered the lists against him or are taking an active part in the anti-Clough campaign. An "ideal candidate" may give the people a poor administration if elected, while a less satisfactory candidate may fill the executive chair to general satisfaction. The "ideal" is rarely attained in politics anyway--so seldom, in fact, that practical politics may be defined as the science of the next best. If the clique opposed to Clough could work off some of their self-conceit, drop their ridiculous arrogance and sham pretensions to superior public virtues, and put themselves on a level with

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the man they combat, nobody would have any fault to find with the gentlemen and their coterie. This would not prevent them from indulging in private holiness meetings, where they would be at liberty to worship themselves and one another to their hearts' content. But they would better not let the cruel world know how much they think of themselves lest they may learn what the plain everyday people think of them. The Skandinaven will write in any language it pleases, even if it causes criticism from our contemporaries.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 16, 1892.

NEW EDITOR AT SKANDINAVEN

From today on Nicolay Grevstad is the editor of Skandinaven.

[Grevstad is today, August, 1939, still editor of Skandinaven; translator's
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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 6, 1892.

NORWEGIAN-DANISH PUBLISHING SOCIETY

The Norwegian-Danish Publishing Society has for a number of years published Den Chrislige Talsmand (The Christian Voice). This is one of the most important church papers.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Mar. 29, 1889.

[THE DAGBLADET BEGINS PUBLICATION]

A new paper has been started here in Chicago, a paper which hides under the label "non-partisan," but which must be, to judge by its editorials, a mouth-piece of the Democratic party.

According to its editor, a very, very, young man, the paper will not bother with anything old; it will only concern itself with what is new and modern.

We are rather at a loss to know what to think about this new venture, because we do not believe there is room for a Democratic paper here. The Skandinaven fills the dual role of spokesman for both parties.

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Skandinaven, May 13, 1879.

THE SEAMEN

The seamen on Lake Michigan have had a hard time of it in the last few years. They have had to work long hours for small pay. Now because of the propaganda carried on in the columns of this paper, we can report that one dollar and fifty cents has been established as the minimum wage per day.

The Scandinavian seamen, who by the way, are in the majority, can look forward to better conditions.



Skandinaven, February 11, 1879.

LITERARY DEATH NOTICE

Den Norsk-Amerikanske Independent, a newspaper published in this city, announces in its last issue that after having suffered for a considerable time from progressive consumption, (probably induced by peevishness and zall-sickness), it has decided to give up its ghost.

The publisher of Norden has taken over the mailing list and also the unpaid bills of the deceased.

Skandinaven, May 28, 1878.

TO SKANDINAVEN'S READERS

I hereby beg to inform you that I am resigning as part owner and publisher of Skandinaven and at the same time I am taking the opportunity to thank the readers, for all their consideration shown the paper during my time.

About five years has passed since I started to work among the Scandinavians in the N.W. and I am glad to say that these five years have not been wasted. I will always think back with joy on these years.

My former partner, Mr. John Anderson, will now be Skandinaven's sole owner. The readers know him well. Thirteen years ago Anderson was one of the owners. Mr. Anderson has done a great deal for the progress of Norwegian and American papers. He made the Skandinaven a worthy representative for the Norwegians intelligence in America. Regarding Skandinavens future it looks bright; the paper is built on a solid foundation. The Skandinaven to day is far superior to any other Scandinavian paper in the U.S.A.

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Skandinaven, No. 32, Dec. 31, 1872.TO THE READERS OF SKANDINAVEN

In consolidating the Skandinaven with the Amerika, I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the subscribers of Skandinaven for the liberal support they have given the paper. I am proud to state that in the short space of six years and eight months, the Skandinaven is the leading Norwegian-Danish paper in this country, which is owing to the increasing energy of both its editors and manager and the liberal support it has received from the public in general. At the time of the great fire in Chicago, I lost nearly all that I had worked for from childhood. But the credit and reputation that the paper had in Chicago enabled me to give the readers a Skandinaven the same week of the fire; and from that time it has increased far beyond my expectations. Now that I have decided that it is best and wisest to unite with the Amerika. I hope you will not be disappointed but on the contrary pleased with this application of the old truth that "in unity there is strength." With the sincere thanks for past favors and hoping for their continuation, I commend the Skandinaven and Amerika to a generous public.

John Anderson

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(2) Periodicals

Scandia, Oct. 22, 1927.

NOTA BENE

Nota Bene, a new monthly, was born here in Chicago last week. When we saw the first issue we were thrilled. The cover was bright red, and well designed; "Ah!" we thought, "the boys editing, must be Bolsheviks, because the magazine is red as blood." But we were disappointed, Nota Bene is tame, very tame.

On the title page we see that Gukild and Gythfeldt are the editors. Two editors, but not one little editorial. Why? Well, who knows? The first copy of "N.B." is sterile, vague and--well--it is easy enough to use a scissors, clip, clip, Daily News, clip, clip, Tribune, etc. The news section is not news, it is ancient history. But, let us have patience, Gythfeldt has style, and Gukild--well, he has done well in the past. Let us hope they will use "Begge 'Bena'" [both legs.] Well, we live in hope.

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NORWEGIAN CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS

There are nine church and Sunday school papers published in America by various Norwegian religious groups.

The papers are as follows:

Lutheran Herald: Reverend G. T. Lee, editor.

Lutheraneren [The Lutheran]: Reverend L. A. Vigness, D. D., editor.

Lutheran Herald Y. P. L. L. [Young People's Luther League]: Editorial staff:

Reverend S.A. Berge, Reverend Olaf G. Malmin, Professor C. M. Granskou,

Reverend Tenner C. Thompson, Reverend N. M. Ylvisaker, D. D., managing editor.

Lutheran Teacher: Reverend R. Ulvilden, editor.

Our Young People: Reverend John Peterson, editor.

Children's Friend: Reverend John Peterson, editor.

Little Folks: Reverend John Peterson, editor.

Barne Vennen [Children's Friend]: Reverend Malmin, D. D., editor.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 9, 1917.

THE BULLETIN

The magazine of the Norwegian Women's Federation has issued its fourth number these days. Like its predecessors, the number is full of items of interest to women's organizations in Chicago.

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Skandinaven, Aug. 5, 1917.

NEW PAPER

The Norwegian Women's Federation in Chicago has resolved to start its own paper "The Bulletin" to further the work of the association. The paper will send out its first number on September 1, or shortly afterwards.

The leaders in the new undertaking, editor as well as business manager, are ladies.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 29, 1909.

THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Editorial)

The Norwegian National Association's sixth booklet for 1909 contains the annual report of the Association for 1908-1909, and also an account of the annual meeting on June 22.

The booklet contains two special articles, one by J. B. Wist, the other by J. A. Jacobsen, of Duluth, Minnesota. The former describes the historical growth and development of "Norway in America", the purpose being mainly to give the Norwegians in Norway a better understanding of our people in this country. The latter, which advises the Norwegians to stay on their "Mothers' farms", treats of some of the difficulties connected with the change of homeland. Mr. Jacobsen has seen much which has awakened his ire, and is writing in ink colored somewhat with "heated blood". [Translator's note: There are also articles by Dr. Kohman, Messrs. Quam, H. Rued Holand, and

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Skandinaven, July 27, 1880.

A NEW SCANDINAVIAN MONTHLY

The Viking seems to be a paper with a future. It has already found a great number of readers. It is published at 269 Milwaukee Avenue. The Viking is filled with humor and satire. We feel that it will be welcomed by Scandinavian readers.



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Norwegian American Technical Journal, Feb. 1937.

THE RESEARCH WORK

In all we have tried to do the last few years we have been handicapped by rather lukewarm interest, all of us have taken in most everything these trying times, but now when the silver lining seems to appear on every ones horizon, will you do something to help preserve the records of the work of Norwegian born engineers and architects in the United States?

Though much and surely unnecessary hard work we have succeeded in gathering some interesting material and are happy to announce that about 250 copies of such records were sent to the Norwegian Engineers Society about two months ago and gratefully received. Surprisingly enough the response to our requests and questionnaires has been least satisfactory from our own members. We can all agree that this is wrong. We urge our branches and members to take an active interest in this. The longer we wait the less important our material will be. Please send in your own story and see that your friends do the same.

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NORWEGIAN

Scandia, Feb. 16, 1929.

THE RULER

Olai Aslagsson's new book, Herskeren (The Ruler), has just been translated into German. This book found a wide sale here in America. It was published by a syndicate formed to publish books written foreign languages. Olai Aslagsson has lived in Chicago for more than thirty years.

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NORWEGIAN

Scandia, Feb. 26, 1927.

BOOKS

Scandia has just published the following books:

"The Norwegian [Chicago] Technical Engineers Yearbook" [commemorating its one hundredth anniversary]. "Forum," the Chicago Norwegian Literary Club's Yearbook. Martin Odland's "The Life of Knute Nelson," "Sons of Norway Yearbook."



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Scandia, Nov. 22, 1924.

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BOOKS

A great number of books by Norwegian-American authors have been published during 1924. We will review a few here.

Jul I Vesterheimen, by A. M. Sundheim. An annual, now in its fourteenth year. The contents carry out good Norwegian tradition. An art work, with numerous illustrations. Folkekalender, annual, by the Reverend Mr. L. A. Vigness. Contents: "Reverend P. Tangerd," by the Reverend Mr. O. Guldseth; "The Year That Has Passed," by L. A. Vigness; an article by Dr. O. E. Brandt; "The Hundredth Anniversary," by the Reverend Mr. J. Havneros; "Kleng Peerson," a poem, by D. G. Ristad; A short story by M. E. Waldeland.

The Lutheran Almanac for 1925, by the Reverend Mr. John Petersen. Partly in English.

School Calender 1824-1924, by O. M. Norlie. Biographies of 3,600 Norwegian

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American teachers and educators. In English.

Whaling, by A. K. Birkeland, the Chicago preacher who lived for four years on the Aleutian Islands.

Collected Poems, by Julius B. Bauman. With a thirty-five page biography.

Christ Before Pilate, by Waldemar Ager. In English. Third Edition.

Library of Christian Hymns, by Professor John Dahle.

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Scandia, May 3, 1924.

NEW BOOK

Scandia has just published Amandus Norman's latest book, Nordmaendene Amerika (The Norsemen in America). This book is not only well written, but it is an excellent historical document covering a widely discussed issue. It covers the Norse in America from the time of Eric The Red [The discoverer of Vineland] up to Colonel Hans Hegg and Knute Nelson.

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Scandia, Dec. 24, 1921.

BOOKS

More Norwegian-American Literature

Belle Winslow Hagen, The White Dawn; Martin Ulvestad, The Norse in America--
Their History in Records; D. D. Westheim, Christian Battleground;
Agnes Mathiloe Wergeland, Poems; Knut Takla, The Norwegian People in the
United States, an interesting book written by a Chicagoan who has visited
nearly all the Norwegian settlements in this country; Peer Stromme, Short
Stories and Poetry; Johan Selnes, Vaarsol (Spring Sun); Johan Selnes,
Heather Bloom, poems; Johan Selnes, Western Tunes, poetry and short stories;
George Rygh, Morgenrodens Vinger (Wings of Dawn); Wilhelm Petersen, Fir and
Cedar; Simon Johnson, Four Short Stories (scene, Chicago: Cast--you will
know them); O. Juul, Memories; and J. N. Kildahl, Jesus in the Home.

Scandia, Dec. 10, 1921.

BOOKS

Norwegian-American Literature

The Norwegian immigrants in the United States have in the last hundred years helped to build this country economically, socially, and last but not least, culturally. The Norwegian Church has done its work in such a way that it is sure to be of permanent value. The Norwegian immigrant has founded an excellent press, a press that he can be proud of. Norwegians have been prominent in politics, in banking, in manufacturing, in writing, in music, in poetry, and in art. Below we give a list of books written by Norwegian-Americans; many of them are Chicago people: William Ager, The Reverend Conrad Salther Welde, a Norwegian-American story William Ager, Fifteen Short Stories Olaf Aslagson, Under Vestens Himmel (Beneath Western Skies) Julius Berg Bauman, Fra Vidderne (The Open Spaces), poetry J.A.Bergh, The History of the Norwegian Church in America C.A.Buslett, The Neighborhood of Youth M. O. Bockman and E.K.Johnson, Iykke I Livet (Life's Luck) Arnljot, Home on the Prairie

Scandia, Dec. 10, 1921.

Dorothea Dahl, Fra Hverdaglivet (Every-day Life)
P.C. Danielson, Laeg Og Laerd (Layman and Scholar)
Sigurd Folkestad, Paa Kongevei (On the King's Highway), poetry
Sigurd Folkestad, Flytfugl (Bird Passage), poetry
Sigurd Folkestad, Pioneer Struggle
Mifalk Gjersten, Harald Hegg
Kristoffer Janson, Our Grandparents
Elizabeth Koren, My Pioneer Days
Belle Hagen Winslow, Where Man Is King

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 19, 1920.

BOOKS

Scandinavian Classics

The following Scandinavian classics, are published and sold by John Anderson Publishing Company [in English].

Comedies, by Holberg. Contents: Jeppe on the Hill, and Erasmus Montanus.

Poems, by Tesner. Contents: The Children of the Lord's Supper, and Frithjof's Sage.

Poems and Songs, by Bjornsterne Bjornson.

Master Olof by August Strindberg.

The Prose Edda, translated from the Icelandic.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 19, 1920.

Modern Icelandic Plays, by Johann Sigurjonsson, Contents: Eyvind, of the Hills, and The Hraun Farm.

Marie Grubbe, by J. P. Jacobsen [Danish]. Translated by Hanna Astruplarsen [Dane].

Arnljot Gelline, by Bjornson.

Anthology of Swedish Lyrics, 1750-1915.

Gosta Berling's Saga, by Selma Lagerlof.

Nils Lynne, by J. P. Jacobsen [Dane].

Below are three Scandinavian monographs:

The Voyages of the Norsemen to America, by W. Hovgaard.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 19, 1920.

Ballad Criticism in Scandiavia and Great Britain During the Eighteenth Century,
by Sigurd Bernhard Hustuedt.

The Kings Mirror.

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Scandia, Feb. 8, 1919.

BOOKS

Under Vestens Himmel (Beneath Western Skies). By Olaf Aslagsson. An interesting book about the Norsemen in Chicago and the prairie States.

The Norse Discovery of America. By Andrew Fossum, Ph. D. Dr. Fossum has proved in his book that the Norse did discover America. He tells of the famous voyages to Iceland, Greenland, and the American Coast. He describes, in the words of the original chronicler and in the light of the latest researches and of a personal visit to every place mentioned in the sagas, the whole voyage in detail, and this he does in a manner that will command attention and produce conviction.

This book should be read both by Norwegians and by Americans, so that they at least may feel the satisfaction of knowing positively that the discovery of America by the Norsemen is not a vain boast but a real fact and in the future must be accepted as a fact by every nationality.

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Scandia, Feb. 8, 1919.

From Fjord to Prairie, or In the New Kingdom. By Simon Johnson. Translated
by Professor Carl O. Solberg.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 9, 1917.

AROUND VERDUN

The experiences of a Norwegian-American student in the Red Cross Services, by Luther Nelson.

This book was written while the author served with the ambulance corps transporting wounded soldiers from the battle front to the hospitals in the rear.

The book gives considerable insight into the manner in which a modern war is being conducted, as well as in the dangers and difficulties connected with the Red Cross service.

This very interesting diary contains 170 pages with eighteen illustrations.

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These illustrations are reproductions of photos taken on the battlefield. Price, postage paid, \$1.00.

John Anderson Publishing Co.
511-517 N. Peoria Street, Chicago, Ill.

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HISTORICAL WORK

The History of the Chicago Norwegian Club is now completed. The book is in magazine size, attractive leather^{brown} cover upon which is printed official seal of the club, in colors.

A brief sketch of the origin of the club opens the book, then an outline of the history of the two older clubs upon which the bigger organization was later built, The Quartette Club and The Norwegian Club in Chicago. Besides, the book contains a series of illustrations and photographs and a complete membership list. It is printed on good paper, and is, typographically, quite a work of art. It is the work of a committee elected for the purpose, with Andrew Hummel and, attorney, as chairman.

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Scandia, July 1, 1916.

SPECULUM REGALE

We can report that the Viking edition of the Old Norse Speculum Regale, published by the University of Illinois, will be ready for delivery to subscribers this spring.

The large manuscript of the Speculum Regale [Speculum, mirror, Regale, royal] is the chief treasure in Old Norse literature. The original is part of the Arnamagnean collection in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is a parchment codex of 136 pages, of large folio size, dating back to the thirteenth century. The Regal Mirror is written in a large, regular hand, which frequently employs highly ornamental initials, and is a beautiful example of old Norwegian manuscript. The purity of its language, the dignity of its style, and its cultural content give it an undisputed place among the important literary documents of the classical age of Old Norse

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literature.

The editorial work has been done by Professor Georg T. Flom of the University of Illinois. The text of the document is similar in design to that of the Codex Regius of the Elder Edda. There is an introduction on the paleography and the early history of the manuscript, and there are also notes on the text. The book contains about 380 pages, including 136 gelatine-process photographic reproductions of the manuscript.

The University desires to make this work available to as wide a public as possible and to insure its preservation in the libraries of many of the leading American colleges and universities. Only 75 copies of the edition of 150 copies are available. Applications will be filled in the order of their receipt. The price is fifteen dollars net.

Send in your orders to Scandia.

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Scandia, Oct. 9, 1915.

HISTORY OF THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE

A Work in Two Volumes by Knut Gjerset, Ph.D., Professor of
Norwegian Literature and History at Luther College

The first volume begins the history of the Norwegians in the year 1319 [at the time of the first union with Sweden]. We reprint a paragraph found in the author's introduction:

"The preservation of the people's personal freedom amidst general national decay, the germs of a new development distinctly traceable in social life, have been especially dwelt upon.....because they constitute the basis of the Norwegian political and social development in modern times."

In the second volume the immigration [into the United States] is discussed very clearly. The Norwegian pioneer and his exploits, not only on the prairie but also in the cities of the West, are discussed.

The book contains about ninety half-tone plates.

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[NEW PUBLICATIONS]

Several smaller publications by Norwegian-Americans have recently been put on sale. The Eighth Annual of Snofoika, by the Norge Ski Club, is on sale, being the most attractive issue to date.

Dr. Sandberg's The Money Trust has already passed the 3,000 mark. This book is well written and contains authentic information, which makes its reading worthwhile. Dr. Sandberg has been for many years an ardent student of political economy and monetary systems, being considered by many authorities as a reliable writer on matters of finance and banking.

There are rumors that a new paper, Journalen, is to be launched in Chicago, with Finn Rein Simonsen, the Norwegian-American violinist and writer of lyrics, as editor.

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Scandia, Nov. 19, 1912.

[N. N. L. TO PUBLISH DIRECTORY OF NORWEGIANS HERE]

Always progressive and busy, the Norwegian National League of Chicago is at present very active in compiling a directory of Norwegians living in Chicago. The league, consisting of delegates from practically every Norwegian club, lodge, singing society, etc., in Chicago, will have quite a list when the census is completed. When this book is published it should meet with a ready sale as it will carry information as to the whereabouts of our people otherwise unavailable.

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Scandia, Aug. 17, 1912.

[NEW BOOK]

Dr. Carl Sandberg has just published a new book, The Money Trust. The book is well written and interesting. On the title page of the book we read the following: "Not published for profit, but for use. Not copyrighted. No rights reserved. All or parts may be taken. Published by the author."

This book is a definite contribution to "social literature". It should be read by everyone.

Scandia, Aug. 17, 1912.

Dr. Karl F.M. Sandberg, prominent Norwegian-American, is not only a man of medicine but an author as well, having recently written and published a book, The Money Trust, which is very interesting. This book will prove of special value during the present election campaign, as it throws light on many hitherto obscure conditions in our social setup, and it should be read by every individual having his own welfare and that of his fellow-men at heart. To quote the title page, the book is "Not published for profit but for use." Not copyrighted and no rights reserved. All or parts may be used at will. Published by the author."

Scandia's editor has read the book and recommends it to all thinking citizens.

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Scandia, July 27, 1912.

/SCANDIA OFFERS BOOK ON POLAR ADVENTURE/

"The Discovery of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen," a book in two volumes (by Scandia) is now on sale. It is an interesting treatise--authentic and plentifully illustrated. Among the pictures is one showing Amundsen's tent, actually pitched at the pole, with the Norwegian flag floating proudly above it. It also contains a copy of the official map of the polar section which was submitted to the King of Norway, the original map drawn by Roald Amundsen personally. The publication contains a day-by-day diary with accompanying pictures; both diary and pictures are Amundsen's own work. The second volume covers all details of the expedition by dog sleds, and the narrative and pictures are very interesting and clear. The author has promised material for the coming volumes in time for publication before September 1, and Scandia is giving its readers an opportunity to secure the entire set by sending in ten paid annual subscriptions to Scandia.

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Scandia, Apr. 27, 1912.

[NEW BOOK]
(Editorial)

To friends and admirers of Bjornstjern Bjornson, we bring good news. At the low price of twenty-five cents, they may now obtain a wonderfully instructive book of which this great man is the subject. The great chief, Norway's "Uncrowned King," as he is affectionately called, is herein pictured in his true character, and anyone reading the book will know Bjornson in all his greatness as never before. The book is on sale at Lund's Book Shop.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 5, 1911.

BOOK REVIEWS

Jul i Norge (Christmas in Norway). The contents for this year are as follows: "A Norwegian Cultural Center"; "Paa Gaelgen", a word picture of the City of Berger; and "Lellen Gul Orken og Devillas Glade Nat" (From Desert to Happy Seville Nights). These are the outstanding stories, plus a dozen others.

Among the pictures let us mention a few: "Bondehave" (Peasant Home), in colors, by Gerhard Munthe; and "Under Ljrentriet" (Neath the Lilacs), in colors, by Olaf Isaacson.

From the Old Parsonages, by Elise Aubert. This book brings us back to our childhood home; we see our country schoolteacher, our mountain tours of Fin Marken; we relive our youth again.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 11, 1911.

BOOKS

The John Anderson Publishing Company has just published a collection of Norwegian songs. The songs are for voice, with piano or organ accompaniment. Every song contained in this book also has the English translation.

The contents are: "Den Store Hvide Flok" (The Vast Unnumber'd Throngs), by Grieg; "Herrens Bon" (The Lord's Prayer), by Klewe; "Herre Tag i Din Staerke Haand" (Father Take In Thy Hand), by Lieberg; "Al Himlen Priser" (The Heavens Resound), by Beethoven; "Fly Som en Fugl" (Fly like a Bird), by Dana; "Din, O Jesus" (Thine, O Jesus), by Hansen; "Du skal Finde Herren" (Thou Shalt Find the Lord)....."Herren Kjender Sine" (The Lord His Children Know)..... "Forlyst Dig i Gud" (O Rest In the Lord).....

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Scandia, Aug. 12, 1911.

GIVE NEW AMBASSADOR TWO BANQUETS

p.1....On Wednesday, Aug. 9th, Wicker Park Hall was the scene of an enjoyable banquet in honor of a real Norwegian American citizen, Mr. Nicolay Grevstad, editor of Skandinaven. The occasion was a farewell gesture to Mr. Grevstad on the eve of his departure for Paraguay and Uruguay, South America, as American Ambassador, to which he has been confirmed by Congress upon recommendation by President Wm. H. Taft. Special tables were laid for Skandinavens personnel, and for the Dovre lodge, of which Mr. Grevstad is an honored member.

The speaker, for the occasion, was the prominent Dr. Daa, who spoke feelingly of Mr. Grevstad as a business man, writer and friend, having known him since their student days in Christiania, 1873. Mr. Grevstad came from a family of limited financial means, but his wonderful mind and indomitable courage, and ambition, carried him thru, always at the head of every class. Due to his youth, his appointment as editor of Udvald, immediately after his

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graduation, was viewed with scepticism by the older and more conservative people of the country; but this boy astounded them all with his ability along journalistic and political lines. He was a prized co-worker of Bjornson and Johan Sverdrup and since coming to America, Mr. Grevstad has had several letters from Sverdrup importuning him to return to Norway, to again take up his work there.

Dr. Daa credited Mr. Grevstad with having done more to create and preserve the pleasant relationship between America and Norway than any one else in the world, a statement that brought forth a hearty three times three "Hurrah" from the assembled guests.

Dr. Daa thanked Mr. Grevstad on behalf of all Norwegian-Americans in the U.S.A., for his constant friendship and work for their best interests.

Gratitude for services rendered and for wonderful co-operation was expressed by representatives of the Singer's League, lodges, churches, clubs and various

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other organizations. Several representatives of Sons of Norway lodges were delegated to express the good wishes of their respective groups and, Nordmendenes, Bjorgvin, and the Glee Club, delivered their greetings via the song route.

Chicago's Norwegian Consul, Oscar Haugan, gave a dinner in honor of Mr. Grevstad on Tuesday at the Union League Club. The tables were profusely decorated with large American Beauty roses, and the hall was artistically decorated throughout.

Speakers were Consul Haugan, Dr. Quaales, Mr. Beruts, Secretary to Consul Haugan, Mr. Henschen, Swedish Consul, and the seventy-five year old Knut Henderson, who spoke for the Horsemen of the West. Mr. Grevstad was visibly moved by the volume and warmth of praise accorded him and on both occasions found it difficult to control his emotions when he responded to the many tributes paid him.

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Scandia, Aug.12,1911.

The two large banquets, together with several smaller affairs, are a fitting tribute to Mr. Grevstad, the U.S.Norsemen's editor, champion and friend. Scandia also wishes him "bon voyage."

Scandia, July 22, 1911.

NEW LITERATURE

Dr. Anders Doe has just published a new book, "Short Stories of Hunting and Fishing".

Dr. Doe, is an inveterate angler, and as a hunter he is "tops". He can tell you about the angler's and hunter's "tricks of trade", and yet, at the same time, he weaves into his book much practical advice, and tells of the life of the denizens of forest and stream. The critics do not "criticise" this book.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Mar. 15, 1911.

NEW BOOKS

H. H. Strom, En Sommer i Hædrelandet (A Summer in the Homeland) [Chicago:
John Anderson Publishing Company, 1911].

This book describes the idyllic summers and the recreation popular in the "North Land" of Norway. It discusses the village, the town, and the mountain pastures.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 3, 1911.

BOOKS

"The Captain's Daughter," by Alexander Pushkin, has been translated into Norwegian and published by Skandinaven.

We feel that many more books by foreign authors should be published in Norwegian. This we shall do, from time to time.

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[NEW BOOKS]

Lonea, Simon Johnson (Chicago: John Anderson Publishing Company, 1910).

Lonea is a well-written saga of everyday life in the Northwest.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 6, 1909.

[NEW BOOK]

Hjalmar Rued Holand, History of the Norwegian Settlements (Chicago: John Anderson Publishing Company, 1909).

We have long been waiting for a work such as this, and now that it has arrived, we welcome it warmly. Every Norwegian will need this book, and it will surely be read with great interest by many people in Norway.

For the present-day Norwegians at home and abroad the narrative of the heroic struggle of the early Norwegian settlers in America, as they built their new homes in this strange country, will remain unique in our national history. Mr. Holand has successfully depicted these struggles in his book.

Of course, from a man who arrived in America while a child, we can hardly expect a history such as those written by Keyser and Munch, but Mr. Holand's book is, unquestionably, the best work on Norwegian-American history that has appeared in America in the Norwegian language.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 6, 1908. WP.

BOOKS

Hjalmar Rved Holand, M. A., De Norske Settlementers Historie / The History of the Norwegian Settlements / (Chicago: John Anderson Publishing Company, 1908).

This book is a saga of the Norwegian pioneer, interesting and of great historical value. It describes the life of the Norwegian pioneer in the city and the country. Many humorous incidents concerning pioneer life are described. It contains 653 pages with fifty illustrations. The book is beautifully bound in leather and is printed on excellent paper.

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Scandia, Dec. 23, 1905.

FOOL'S GALLERY

It seems that Skandinaven is having a hard time of it with its book, Prominent Norwegians of Illinois.

First let us see how this book was born. It cost the "prominent" ten dollars [apiece] to have their names mentioned in the book. To put it a little more mildly, a donation was asked to help publish the book.

The first proposal was that every one should write his own biography. Well, the result was that those who could write seemed to have biographies so lengthy that it would be impossible to publish them all in one volume, and those who could not write were going to be obliged to "come across" with another ten in order to have their biographies written.

The publisher (John Anderson) [then] sent out a questionnaire; there were

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questions such as, "Have you ever received a medal, or have you ever been knighted (Order of St. Olaf, Students' League Pig Medal, Quartet Club's Star Medal, etc.)?.....What charity organizations do you support?"--well, here we quit. We did not read further in the questionnaire.

And so when the thing was done, did every one get ten dollars' worth?

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Scandia, Oct. 28, 1905.

KNUT HAMSDUN

Rasmus B. Anderson writes a great deal about Knut Hamsun but tells little about this great writer that can be considered true. We all know that Hamsun lived in Chicago for quite a long time; it was here that he wrote his Novel Sult [Hunger].

We wish to cite what little there is of value in Anderson's account of Hamsun. In part it is as follows:

Knud Pedersen worked in a store in Gjøvik [Norway], where he spent his spare time writing poetry. He became acquainted with Bjornson, who advised the peasant boy to go to America, believing that he could do better there than in Norway. Rasmus B. Anderson avers that he advised Knud Pedersen to change his name to Knut Hamsun.

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Scandia, Oct. 28, 1905.

In 1883 Knut Hamsun became a sort of chaplain to Christoffer Janson in Minneapolis; he stayed with Janson until 1885, when he became ill and had to be taken to the Norwegian Lutheran Hospital. Kristian Baun, the Danish educator, filled Hamsun's place while Hamsun was ill. After his illness Hamsun returned to Norway.

Two years later he returned to America and settled in Chicago. Here he drove a horse-car for several years. Hamsun nearly starved to death in Chicago.

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Scandinavia, Jan. 10, 1904.

Dear Sir,

The book "Clifford", by Heler D. and a bit of bad criticism by Darposten's Daily Mail editor. Of course the line that the great men can not live in one "sock". And it is also natural that the mailers, from our fair land never would agree. Especially when Darposten's editor, for each believed himself to be an oracle of wisdom.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 14, 1901.

PRACTICAL HANDBOOK IN AMERICAN LAW

[A Law Book for Laymen Written by Attorney Henry J. Gjertsen]

(Advertisement)

The purpose of this book is to provide our people with information concerning the more common rules of law as applicable in every-day life. It is not the aim to make each man his own lawyer, but merely to give our people access to information which will enable them to protect their rights and escape the complications which necessarily lead to process in the courts.

The book is substantially bound and costs \$1.50, postage prepaid. It may be obtained at the John Anderson Publishing Company, 183-187 North Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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Scandia, June 22, 1901.

JOHN ANDERSON

The Synod's organ defends John Anderson's publication of Snorre. We charge that the worst thing that John Anderson ever did in his long and sinful life was to publish this piece of literary loot.

Rasmus B. Anderson, who co-operated with John Anderson in the publication of Snorre, has become the agent for the distribution of the bona fide edition of the book. This changes the picture, so far as Rasmus is concerned; now, as he points out, Skandinaven's edition has suddenly become full of typographical errors, and Rasmus accuses John of being unfair to the buyers of the book; he also alleges John has "plagiarized in the worst way" by stealing editions of Snorre of which the text and the illustrations are of inferior quality.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 7, 1901.

BOOKS

Snorre Sturlasson, Norges Konge-Sagaer eller Heimskringla (The sagas of Norway's Kings or Heimskringla) (Chicago: Skandinaven, 1901). This book was translated from the Icelandic by Professor L. A. Lunchs and S. Ryghs. It contains twenty full-page, half-tone illustrations.

The book begins with the legend: "Thor's Battle with the Goblins," including a part of the interesting viking period up to and including Haakon Haakonsson and Helge Hvase. It also contains a short biography of the author, Snorre Sturlasson, written by Professor Lunchs.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 29, 1900.

NORWAY IN PICTURES
Book Review

Norge i Billeder (Norway in Pictures) contains an introduction and brief descriptions. It is published by John Anderson's Publishing House, Chicago.

This is a magnificent and most interesting work. It presents to us the most beautiful districts of Norway in pictures that are very well executed. Now the picture leads us up the green hillsides to the steep mountain tops; now to the romantic, quiet valleys; now to the bubbling brooks, the glittering fjords and mountain lakes; now among the multitudinous islets which constitute the "Skjargarden", until we face the mighty ocean.

The most magnificent phases of Norwegian nature have been copied in this great



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picture book from the paintings of the greatest artists. The text is very interesting and presents an excellent explanation of each picture.

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The last part of the book contains pictures from the Saga of the vikings in Norway with their great deeds.

On the cover is the picture of a boy and a girl as bridegroom and bride in Norwegian national garb....In the background is a Norwegian fjord district executed in colors, with the Norwegian flag above and the Norwegian emblem below. This magnificent work ought to find its way to every Norwegian Home.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 22, 1900.

NORWAY IN PICTURES
A Magnificent Book

(Editorial)

Norge I Billeder (Norway in Pictures) is a book that should be found in every Norwegian home in America. The book is unique; the publishers deserve great praise for having brought the work before the public.

Do you long to see once more the grand, beautiful, enchanting land of Norway? Do you long to see the green hillsides, the narrow dales, the whispering brooks, the mirror-like fjords, the steep mountain peaks? You need not cross the ocean to behold it all; secure a copy of Norge I Billeder; this book presents Norway in all its true beauty and magnificence.

The book shows you your own home district so vividly presented that you will imagine that you are beholding the real land, not merely a picture.

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The book brings a greeting from your own cradle; from the trees around which you played when a child; from the house in which you received your training; from the door through which you passed on the day of your emigration; from your father, mother, sister, and brother over in Norway.

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Nowegian nature, smiling at dawn and flooded in sunlight, is enchanting; it presents to the eye the most delightful aspects of nature's art. Norge I Billeder will be a welcome guest in the home of every Norwegian in America. During the long winter evenings the book will be a source of enjoyment for everyone who procures it. The book takes you by the hand, as it were, guiding you from the Naze to the North Cape, past wild mountain ranges, over ridges, up and down narrow valleys or dales, across glittering fjords and lakes, among thousands of islets and peninsulas; and after such a fairy tale journey you will gain a new and living conception of the glory which is our old homeland, Norway.

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A BOOK FOR THE HOME

H. G. Heggveit, Illustrated Church History (Chicago: Knut Takla's, 1900). This book contains 815 pages with 280 illustrations of various sizes. Another important feature of this work is a ninety-page appendix on Norwegian church life in America, by Professor T. Bothne.

Heggveit's Illustrated Church History is the best and most complete popular church history in the Norwegian language.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 19, 1900.

[BOOK REVIEW BY H. P. B.]



Reverend C. F. Peterson, Bibelske Betragtninger [Bible Studies] (Chicago: Norwegian-Danish Publishing Company, 1900). This book is the result of a fifty-year study of the Bible.

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Bibelske Betragtninger should be found in every Christian home.... It contains 331 pages and is printed on fine paper. The language is plain and easily understood.

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ENGLISH-DANO-NORWEGIAN DICTIONARY PUBLISHED

(Advertisement)

English-Dano-Norwegian Dictionary by Martin Ulvestad
With Complete Pronunciation Guide
John Anderson Publishing Company
183-187 North Peoria Street, Chicago

There is a great difference between the ordinary English-Dano-Norwegian dictionaries and Martin Ulvestad's new dictionary.

1. The other dictionaries show us only the translation of the English words. Ulvestad's dictionary presents not merely the translation of the words, but also their correct pronunciation and their division into syllables, both of which are of great importance.



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2. The publishers of other dictionaries presuppose that those who are to use the books have a knowledge of grammar; for this reason the words are not recorded in their various grammatical forms. In the dictionary by Martin Ulvestad the words are presented in their various forms in order that common people who have not studied grammar may be able to understand the book without difficulty and make use of it.

3. The other dictionaries refer to the English language only as it is being used in England. Ulvestad's dictionary discusses the language both as it is being used in England and as it is being used in America.

4. In Ulvestad's dictionary are included a large number of new everyday Americanisms. It is a matter of course that such words are not to be found in the older dictionaries (which, by the way, have been published in Europe) however excellent those books may have been.

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The publishers have received more than two thousand statements containing warm praise of the book. The book contains seven hundred and thirty-two pages of large size. These pages contain about thirty-two thousand English words with translation and pronunciation. The dictionary is bound in beautiful and solid binding. The price is \$2.50.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 4, 1900.

NORWAY IN PICTURES

(Editorial)

Norge i Billeder (Norway in Pictures) is now appearing in a new and enlarged luxury edition published by the John Anderson Publishing Company (Skandinaven's publisher). The book consists of one hundred and ninety-six pages and contains ninety-three of the most excellent pictures, including scenes of Norway's natural splendors, from Norwegian history and from Norwegian life of today.

The preparation of this magnificent work has required much time and has cost much money. In starting the work the publishers were fully aware that nothing but a most complete presentation of the phases of Norwegian life referred to would meet the requirements.

The book is bound in a manner quite exceptionally elegant; the text has been chosen with the greatest care, and the pictures are as exquisite as the paper



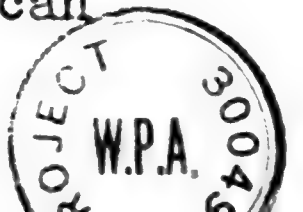
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on which they are printed--all of this makes the book one of the most valuable works about Norway so far brought before the public.

We who came to America as mature men and women and who have adopted this great and rich country as our second homeland will not forget the land of our cradle. We will remember the house, however cramped the quarters might have been; we remember the lawn, nowhere greener and more enchanting than at home; we remember the broad fertile fields; the narrow, somber valleys; the hillsides, made bewitching by carpets of flowers and groves of birches.

And then the church in the valley. When we behold all this glory as presented in the beautiful pictures of this book, we feel as if we were living our life all over again. We recognize the old homesteads; we say with Gunnar of Lidarende, "Never did the land seem as beautiful as now".

When our children ask about the land of their fathers--the land which they never saw but which they love because their father and mother love it--can



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we give them a better answer than in showing them the fine pictures from Norwegian life, nature, and history presented in this book?

Can there be a finer Christmas gift than Norge i Billeder with its magnificent binding, its beautiful pictures from shore and from countryside, from snow-capped mountains, from dreaming lakes and fjords.

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The book is nine inches wide and twelve inches tall. It is printed on the very finest of paper and is elegant in every way. The price....is surprisingly low.....An advertisement elsewhere in the paper will give details about the work.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 3, 1900.

BOOK REVIEW

by

A. S.

Rollo, The Murder of a King in Bergen (Chicago: John Anderson Publishing Co., no date of publication given). A historical novel.

This historical novel is based on the saga of the death of Haakon Sverreson.... and the book is most entertaining and dramatic. It is rich in historic and romantic episodes and gives an excellent insight into conditions in Norway during the age when various pretenders were fighting for power. The tale of the little prince, the famous King Haakon Haakonsson of later years, of his travel across the mountains to Nidaros, and of the many dangers to which he was exposed during this trip, is highly interesting and holds the reader's attention. The whole book is so well written that there is not a dull moment from beginning to end. Once having begun to read, one hates to lay the book aside. The book contains several excellent illustrations.



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LITERATURE

[The following books were the most important published by John Anderson in the nineties:]

Bang, A History Of The Norwegian Church During The Reformation (1536-1600).

Krisstoer Jansen, Sermons. The life Of Luther.

Hans Christian Andersen, Fairy Tales.

Bjornson, Stories.

Ingvar Bondesen, Styrismanden Og Hans Brud (The Mate and His Bride), a historical novel.

Boyesen, Stories about Emigrants.

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Arne Garborg, Haugtussa. Story in verse. Jonas Lie, a biography.
Laeraren, a play in five acts.

B. S. Ingeman [Dane], Erik Menveds Barndom (The Childhood of Erik Menved).

Knut Hamsun, Modern America's Spiritual Life. Sult (Hunger). Redaktor Lynge
(Lynge the Editor). Ny Jord (New Earth). Pan. Mysterier. Victoria. Livets
Spil (Lifes Tragedy). Ved Rigets Port (At the Kingdom's Portal).

Alexander Hjelland, Skipper Lurser.

Henrik Wergeland, Poetry.

Kristoffer Randers, Norsk Lyrik (Norwegian Lyrics).

A. Winter-Hjelm, Norwegian Lyrics after 1814.

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Elias Tegner, Frithiofs Saga.

Fridthoff Hansen, "Fram" through the Polar Seas.

Henrik Ibsen, Et Dukkehjen (A Doll's House). Samfundets Stotter (Pillars of Society). Peer Gynt. Brand.

Prof. N. E. Anderson, Norway In Pictures. This book has fifty-two half-tone illustrations, the most beautiful pictures ever published, including a full page text for each picture.

It is, in itself a complete illustrated description of Norway.

[In the late nineties the John Anderson Publishing Company published hundreds of books in the Norwegian and Danish languages. Many of these were copyrighted by John Anderson.]

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Skandinaven, June 26, 1872.

[NEW GRAMMAR AND READER]

We Norwegians have a lot for which to thank Pastor C.J.P. Peterson. He is trying to uphold Norway and to educate the American people to respect and love our old mother land. For a long time he has written in English, for the various American papers, telling them about Norway of one thousand years ago, of King Harald Haarfager of the Norwegian American S.S.Line between Bergman and New York, of the Arctic discoveries and of Captain Carlsen's discovery of Novaja Zenilja.

Pastor Peterson has published a Norwegian Danish Grammar and Reader with a vocabulary designed for American students of the Norwegian and Danish languages, the book consists of 202 pages, of which forty-three pages are devoted to grammar, eighty-three pages to reading matter and fifty-five pages to the dictionary. The book is published by S.C. McClure & Co., the greatest

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Chicago Publishing firm and printed by the Donnelly Printing Co. The book is beautifully bound and it is the first time that such a book has been published.

Pastor Peterson was called to teach Norwegian in an American high school in Chicago. Pastor Peterson's great ability in handling the English language has been praised highly by Chicago's literary men who want him to work out a whole Norwegian history in the English language.

**II. CONTRIBUTIONS
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B. Avocational and Intellectual

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e. Radio Programs and Cinema

Scandia, Feb. 15, 1930.

GLENN THEATER

Next Monday the Glenn Theater will open as a Norwegian theater. The well-known Norwegian talkie, "Paul paa Haugen" (Paul from the Manor), will be shown. Constance Thane will sing new Norwegian songs. Other attractions include the film, "Seventeenth of May in Oslo,"; the new Scandinavian road show and the guest star, the Swedish singer Oleanna Skrathulda.

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Scandia, Dec. 6, 1924.

NORWEGIAN FILMS

The last presentation of Norwegian films for this year will be held in Orchestra Hall Sunday. There will be two films:

"Herr Arnes Penge" (Arnes Money), by Selma Lagerlof; "Presteenken" (The Pastor's Widow), by Kristofer Jansen.

The Northland Trio will sing popular Norwegian Songs. The new concert star, Julie Moser-Sporr (Swedish), and Karl Sporr (Swedish), the violinist, will take part in the program.

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Scandia, Apr. 26, 1924.

NORWAY IN MOTION PICTURES

The Norwegian National League will show a series of films, "Norway in Motion Pictures," at Orchestra Hall next Sunday.

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Scandia, Apr. 30, 1921.

NORWEGIAN FILMS

The Norwegian National League, through the efforts of Olaf Ray, have contracted for a series of Norwegian films to be shown at Orchestra Hall. The possibility of getting these films has been discussed for quite some time. Now they have finally arrived.

Below are printed some of the titles in the pictures and also the introduction.

Introduction

Norway, "The Land of the Midnight Sun," the land of the conquering Vikings! Its scenic grandeur, infinite in variety, its beautiful lakes and silvery mountains, its cascades and its sunny verdant valleys, dotted with farms where a quaint rural life and a vigorous culture flourish, celebrated for a thousand years in song and story! Along the storm-swept coast of more than fifteen hundred miles are located the cities and towns with their commercial,

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manufacturing, seafaring, and fishing population busily engaged in "developing their country". While the valleys and the hillsides are draped in the gorgeous colors of summer, the eternal snow of the lofty mountains glitters enchantingly in the distance.

1. Hovringen Saeter (Saeter Chalet)
2. Guldbrandsdalen
3. Mesne Falls
4. Bergen
5. Interesting Events in Norway
 - a) The Unveiling of the Statue of Abraham Lincoln by Norwegian-Americans
 - b) Emigrants Leaving Christiania
 - c) Their Arrival in New York
 - d) On the Way West
 - e) Chicago--the Norwegian Colony
 - 1) Olaf Berntz
 - 2) Nicolai Grevstad
 - 3) Judge John J. Sonsteby
 - 4) Oscar Torrison

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Skandinaven, July 12, 1917.

A TOUR THROUGH NORWAY

Films under this caption giving the story of the tour by the Norwegian Singing Society through Norway are being presented at the Logan Square Theatre. The first exhibition took place this afternoon. Two more exhibitions will be given tonight, and four tomorrow, two during the afternoon and two in the evening.

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Scandia, Jan. 22, 1916.

THE "GIBSON GIRL"

Camilla Clifford, nee Camilla Ottesen, (the "Gibson Girl"), will return, for good, to Chicago. We have seen her many times, in pictures, and now we shall soon see her again in real life.

Scandia, Nov. 20, 1915.

"PEER GYNT"

The Norwegian National League has arranged for the showing of Ibsen films at the Crystal Theater, North Avenue at Fairfield Avenue.

An attempt will be made to have a series of Norwegian films at the Crystal.

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Scandia, Feb. 27, 1915.

[FILM ON VISIT OF NORWEGIAN SINGERS TO NORWAY]

(Advertisement)

With the Norwegian Singers to Norway

Presentation of the Lincoln Statue to the Norwegian King and the
Norwegian Nation on the Fourth of July of Last Year.

4500 feet of film portraying this Historic Event.

The pictures must be seen to be appreciated.

Auspices: Norwegian National Committee

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AND ACTIVITIES

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2. Intellectual

f. Special Schools and Classes

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 7, 1914.

NORWEGIAN SCHOOL

Reverend Finwall has opened a school for those who wish to learn Norwegian. Children over six years of age and adults will be enrolled. For the time being the classes will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Books are to be furnished by students.

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Scandia, Jan. 4, 1913.

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[DEDICATE SCHOOL ADDITION]

The newly built addition to the already large H. A. Haugan School, at Sunnyside and Hamlin Avenues, will be dedicated on Friday, January 10. Mr. A.F. Husander, well known in the Norwegian Colony was the designer and supervising architect. The new building, which has thirty class and work rooms, will house activities in handicraft and home making. The building and furnishings are strictly modern and the school kitchen equipment was donated by Consul Oscar Haugan. Miss Sullivan, assistant superintendent of the school, will be the speaker at the dedication ceremonies. There will be a very good program of music, singing, and Norwegian folk dancing. The exhibition of folk dancing alone is worth going far to see.

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IV (Swedish) Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Aug. 28, 1910.

MENDELSSOHN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The Mendelssohn Conservatory of Music is becoming one of the outstanding colleges of music. At present, the school has a regular staff of twelve teachers, including the well-known Swede, Joel B. Mossberg, A. Alfred Holmes, and the Dane, Frank P. Winter. The teaching staff is considered the best obtainable.

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NON-PROFIT

Stamford, Sept. 1, 1907.

Dear Mr. [Name]

MY DEAR MR. [Name]

As shown by the announcement in 'City' paper, Mr. [Name] will open a dancing school in [Name] Hall, [Name] at [Name] at the end of the present month.

Courses in dancing will be given for [Name] for adults. Mrs. Didricksen has supervised [Name] in dancing in both Norway and Denmark. He intends to place special emphasis on [Name].

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Skandinaven, July 29, 1907.

NORWEGIAN ENGLISH EVENING SCHOOL

Starting August 1, the Norwegian English Evening School will meet in Northwestern Business College, 1228 Milwaukee Avenue, corner of North Avenue. Classes for beginners as well as for those advanced in the language.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 28, 1901.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

The Tabitha Norwegian Hospital Society held its sixth annual graduation exercises for nurses last Friday evening at St. Paul's Norwegian Lutheran Church, 600 West North Avenue. A large audience was present. Dr. Cien, the president of the medical staff, functioned as chairman. Reverend C. E. Heimdahl opened the program with a speech.

Dr. T. Warloe delivered the commencement address to the graduating nurses. Mr. Max Fischer played a violin solo, and Miss Eleonora Olsen sang Paul Rodney's "Calvary" most beautifully.

After a brief speech in which he emphasized the need for able nurses, Mr. H. A. Haugen distributed the diplomas of the training school to the graduating nurses....



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 4, 1900.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL FOR NORWEGIANS



The weekday school in the Bethel Church on Humboldt Street will be opened next Monday. Mr. Johannes Liaboe has been authorized to decide as to the instruction plan /to be followed/ and also to take charge of the instruction.

In contrast with the plan of former years, this year more time will be devoted to instruction in the Norwegian language than has been the case earlier. Every day there will be two hours of instruction in this language--one hour of oral instruction and one hour of written instruction. It seems probable that this change will meet the wishes of many people in regard to this weekday school. People are realizing that one cannot expect children to learn Norwegian in the Sunday Schools. The Sunday School is a school of religion. The instruction the children are given in Norwegian in the

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Sunday School will generally consist in their being taught the A B C; also some reading, but with only slight understanding of the matter read. Up to the present year the weekday school, too, has been mostly a school of religion. This year an attempt is to be made to divide the instruction time between religious instruction and instruction in reading, grammar, and writing.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 10, 1900.

THE DEACONESS SOCIETY
The First Class of Deaconesses Conclude
Their Theoretical Course

The Norwegian Deaconess Home held its first graduation festival last Tuesday evening in the Bethlehem Church on the occasion of the graduation of the first class of deaconesses who have completed the theoretical course of training.

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In spite of the rainy weather the audience was large. Four deaconesses were given their diplomas. They were the Misses Marie Larsen, Caroline Williams, Gertrud Johnson, and Jorgine Mjovik.





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Skandinaven, January 15, 1893.

[CLASSES AT NISSON]

Nissen Business College now has classes for adults. One class for beginners, one class for third graders, one class for fourth graders, and one class in technical English grammar.

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Scandia, Dec. 6, 1934.

BAUN IN DELISA

Kristian Baun lectured at Delisa last week. His lecture was outstanding, and was received with much applause. He stressed that culture and literature bound Norway and Denmark together more than anything else. He has been asked to publish the lectures he has given at Delisa through several years.

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Scandia, June 12, 1926.

DEAN WORM MULLER

The Chicago Norwegian Students gave a lecture at the Chicago Norwegian Club last Tuesday. Dean Worm Muller, the speaker, gave one of his usual excellent lectures to a large group of interested students. The Chicago Norwegian Students have, annually, several lectures of great importance.

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Scandia, May 23, 1925.

MR. J. J. SONSTEBY

John J. Sonstebby (Judge), spoke at the Seventeenth of May Festival.

We feel that those who were so unfortunate as not to have heard the speech, would have liked to, and so here it is:

Mr. President, Members of the League, and Friends:

It is always a great privilege and honor to be a speaker at your Seventeenth of May Festival, but particularly so today, when you also celebrate the centennial of the coming of the Sloop Party in the sloop "Restaurationen" (Restauration) to the United States. I wish, therefore, to express my sincere appreciation for the invitation through which I am to address you today.

As a former president of the League, I know your many activities on behalf of Norway and Norwegians.

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III G As one born under the Stars and Stripes, I join with you in com-
I J memorating the activities and deeds of our forefathers, and in
IV celebrating their successes and achievements both in Norway and
in the United States.

The history of the United States would be incomplete without the story of Norwegian immigration and settlement.

America has been known to the Norwegians for a thousand years. The discovery by Leif Ericson provided the knowledge by which later navigators were able, with some feelings of confidence, to strike out westward on what, to them, was an unknown sea.

The records disclose a number of Norwegians in the American Colonies.

The coming of the Sloop Party under the direction of Ileno Peerson marks the beginning of organized emigration to these shores.

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When the great Civil War threatened the life of the country thousands of Norwegians from Illinois (Chicago), Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota (Minneapolis), the Dakotas, and other states, entered the Northern armies and helped to save the Union.

The story of the "Iron Brigade" from Wisconsin and Illinois, in which hundreds of units were composed entirely of Norwegians, officers and men, is part of the glorious epic of that time.

After the war these war veterans became active in every walk of life and, with the many other thousands of Norwegians, helped to bind up the nation's wound.

After the Civil War the stream of immigration from Norway increased by leaps and bounds until there was hardly a state but had its quota.

Rarely, if ever, has such a steady stream of seemingly new blood been

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The Norwegians never contributed to the so-called melting pot or to the troubles of their adopted land.

Being of the same race as those to whom is due the glory of establishing this nation, with the same ideas of government and of the relations of man to man, with the same ideals, and a common folklore, except for language, the absorption for the Norwegians was merely a transition from a land that was free to a land no less free, from a climate that was good, to a climate just as good, but to a land of greater material opportunities. To this land came our forefathers, and many of them brought great gifts of strength, health, brain, brawn, and culture. They became part of the life of this great nation, helping to make and keep it great.

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the granary of the world, and the great West and Northwest were settled by Norwegians and kindred of the blood. It was no less fortunate that many of our people settled in the cities--Chicago, New York, and Minneapolis--and on the Pacific Coast. As a result these great states and cities grew and prospered along the lines established by the fathers of the Republic. Law and order have prevailed. Accustomed for almost a thousand years to peaceful, lawful means of settling disputes, they brought with them the mental attitude necessary to become part of a body politic differing from them largely only in language.

In the church, in the professions, in business, in agriculture, in politics, they and their descendants uphold their traditions.

On the farm, in the church, in the hospitals, in the courts, in the legislative halls, and in executive positions, they hold high ranks, justifying to the full the inestimable privilege of American citizenship acquired by birth or conferred upon them by naturalization. In other words, we of

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III G Norwegian birth or descent are not to be differentiated from those
I J around us whose ancestry dates back to the time of the Mayflower.

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World War furnishes irrefutable proof. When the call came to
step in and play the part, for which no doubt our nation was intended from
the beginning, there was no halting or wavering on the part of those of
Norwegian blood. From every state, city, hamlet, and farm came the young
men of Norwegian birth or descent, and offered themselves upon the altar
of freedom, in foreign lands, that the world might be saved; and they went
forth with the blessing of their church and with the song of "Onward Chris-
tian Soldiers" in their hearts.

On the Sunday before Armistice Day, I joined in solemn service in the
Lutheran Church, commemorating the memory of, and commending to their God,
the many young men of that Church who had gone forth as crusaders for their
country, never to return.

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There, in that church, where only men and women of Norwegian birth or descent worship, hundreds of men and women gathered and prayed for those who had passed on and those who were still carrying on. It was a day never to be forgotten, and one that indelibly impressed itself upon my mind. I had seen many meetings during that war, but none that so impressed me. And here in Chicago, men went forth on the same mission, some never to return, others to return crippled and maimed in body and soul.

When the German advance reached the Marne on those never to be forgotten days in May and June of 1918, driving all before them, and the fate of the world depended upon the ability of the American Marines to stop the advance and hold them, among the boys who held the lines were some of our own who are here today.

And among those who sit here today, and among those who have gathered in similar festivals all over our land today, are the fathers and mothers, the

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The torch of freedom carried by these young crusaders has been handed to us--we must carry on--that their sacrifices may not have been in vain.

We, with the glorious heritage of blood and civilization must carry on in this Great Republic--must be among those who will hold it to its moorings--to the Constitution, at once the simplest and the greatest document in the world.

We who have always had freedom and its blessings must stand shoulder to shoulder with all others who enjoy the same privileges, to the end that the freedom purchased and held by such sacrifices shall not be lost.

With citizenship in this Republic come duties, and these fathers and

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mothers, recognizing those duties, sent their sons across the

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seas to fight and die beneath the Star-Spangled Banner.

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By the sacrifices they made upon the altar of freedom, they became sealed as Americans as fully and as truly as though they and their ancestors had lived here for all time.

The assimilation going on during the past hundred years is completed.
We are Americans!

We must continue to cherish the institutions that have made America **great**, and among them the great American public school. There every day is repeated by millions of children without regard to creed, color, or previous nationality, the pledge with which I fittingly close:

"I pledge allegiance to the American flag, and to the republic for which

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it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice
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[FORMER RESIDENT LECTURES HERE]

The Rev. C.W. Finwall, who for nine years was minister of the Norwegian Baptist Church, Logan Square, will preach in that church at the morning and evening services today.

Rev. Finwall is passing through Chicago on his tour from Washington, D.C., where he has been a delegate to the National Anti Saloon League convention to his present home town, Bismarck, N.D. He is traveling the country over, giving lectures on the "Norway of Today."

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NORWAY IN STEREOPTICON VIEWS

At the Kedzie Avenue M. E. Church, stereopticon views of scenes from the Scandinavian countries will be presented on Thursday October 11, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. The pictures will be accompanied by explanatory remarks by Mrs. Bertha Smith, of whom it has been written that she interprets our land's nature and the lives of its people with great vividness and sympathy. Mrs. Smith has been in Norway twice since the outbreak of the war and is thus in a source, her impressions of life over there as it is developing under the most extraordinary conditions now prevailing there.

A suitable musical entertainment will be given in harmony with the views presented, thus adding to the attractiveness of the evenings program.

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Scandia, July 29, 1917.

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LECTURE

Dr. Anders Doe gave a very interesting lecture last Friday evening describing conditions in the Norwegian Colony in Chicago thirty to forty years ago.

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THE AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION

The American-Scandinavian Foundation announces that an Advisory Committee has been formed in Chicago to co-operate with the Foundation in its work promoting Scandinavian interests in Illinois and the Middle West. The committee is made up of ten well-known citizens of Scandinavian descent. Mr. Charles H. Peterson has been appointed chairman. The members representing the Swedish interests, in addition to Mr. Peterson, are Mr. Axel Lanquist, and Mr. Henry Henschen; the Norwegian members are Consul Herman F. Gade, Mr. Oscar H. Haugan, and Mr. Birger Osland; the Danish members are Dr. Max Henius, Mr. Henry L. Hertz and Mr. Carl Antonsen. There is also an Icelandic representative in the person of Mr. C.H. Thordarson. Friends of the Foundation are greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm which these men have shown in volunteering to extend the influence of the organization into the fields which it otherwise could scarcely hope to reach. It is expected that, through this committee, the work of the Foundation will be greatly strengthened in erecting a general knowledge of Scandinavian life, thought, art, and literature in the

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THE FEDERATION OF NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

The Federation tries to unite the Norwegian women of Chicago around a program of culture. The women of this rather large organization are also active in the political life of the city. They have regular open forums at which burning political issues are discussed.

The executive board of the Federation consists of Dr. Telga Ruud, president, Mrs. Astrid Nygdal, first vice president, Mrs. Karen Madsund, second vice president, Mrs. Bagge, Mrs. Mollie Lynan, and Mrs. Hoinichen.

The Federation is divided into several departments, as follows:

a) The Norwegian Department, Mrs. Cecilia Gerner in charge; b) The Civil and Legislative Department, Mrs. Doe, Mrs. Beutlich, and Mrs. Stevens in charge; c) The Domestic and Home Department, Mrs. Emilie Petersen in charge;

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and d) The Music and Drama Department, Mrs. Conradi, Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen, and a subcommittee of three in charge.

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Skandinaven, April 19, 1916.

NORWEGIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE
JUDGE OSCAR M. TORRISON LECTURES ON U.S. CONSTITUTION

p.7.....The Norwegian National League has for some time been planning a program, according to which a lecture on a certain theme would be presented to its members once a month.

The new program had its inception yesterday with Judge Oscar M. Torrison giving a lecture on the Constitution of the United States.

The meeting was poorly attended, but those present had an unusually pleasant and instructive evening.

The lecturer went back to the first immigrants in this country; also touching the first Scandinavian settlers here, who refused to use or own slaves.

In very concise and effective language, Judge Torrison handled the main points in the Constitution, and drew up several comparisons with the Constitution of Norway,

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these comparisons, the speaker said, favored Norway as the people there had a more direct election, hence more influence in the government, than here. The lecturer handled separately the three parts of the "Constitution"; the executive, the legislative and the judicial. Under the last part he mentioned the first case handled by the Supreme Court.

The lecture lasted forty-five minutes and received a hearty applause.

Mr. George Kramer, president of the Norwegian National League, announced, that these lectures would be continued as he considered it of grave importance, that the Norwegians should acquaint themselves with the Constitution of their adopted country. He asked those present to tell their friends.

Mr. Kramer in behalf of the "League," thanked Judge Torrison for the fine lecture. He also thanked Norsemen's Singing Society for the three songs rendered.

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LECTURE IN THE NORWEGIAN CLUB

Nicolay A. Grevstad, who, for the last four years has been the United States Minister to Uruguay and Paraguay, has returned to Chicago. Mr. Grevstad will remain here, and likely take up his duties with the Skandinaven. Mr. Grevstad gave a very interesting lecture, with picture slides. He told about his experiences in "paradise," about the people, the customs, the country, and the lazy, enjoyable life of the near tropics. He described the beautiful but vicious La Plata River, the highway of the country. Mr. Grevstad was introduced by Attorney A. Hummeland, the president of the Club.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 2, 1914.

NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Norwegian Women of Chicago have organized a new club called the Norwegian Women's Club. The purpose of the Club is to gather the Norwegian women of Chicago into one large club. Lectures will be given in both English and Norwegian, and there will be discussions on prose and poetry. The Club will give concerts, and after each concert the music will be discussed. The organization is affiliated with The Federation of Women's Clubs, and will send its delegates regularly to the Federation's meetings.

It is interesting to note that the women who organized this Club are the most active women within the colony. [Names omitted in translation.]

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Scandia, Feb. 22, 1913.NORWEGIANAMUNDSEN'S LAST LECTURE

Captain Roald Amundsen delivered his last Chicago lecture Sunday, at 2:00 P.M., at the Grand Opera House. This lecture was the fifth in Chicago and the only one given in the Norwegian language in the U.S. A. The total attendance at his Chicago lectures was nearly 10,000. In New York, 5,600 turned out for the two lectures given there. The largest attendance at Captain Amundsen's lectures was at Toledo, Ohio, where the Coliseum was filled to its capacity - 10,000.

It was Captain Amundsen's desire to deliver this particular lecture in a hall located on the Northwest Side, but neither Wicker Park Hall nor the Logan Square Auditorium was considered large enough. Locating the Norwegian lecture downtown proved unwise however, as repeated attempts to draw our people to the downtown district have never proved successful. However, an average of about 2000 for five lectures speaks well for Chicago.



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Scandia, Sept. 21, 1912.

/CONCERT AND LECTURE/

A new and quite novel combination of entertainment was sponsored by "Nordmaendenes Sangforening" (Norse Male Chorus) when they arranged a combined concert and lecture recently. The program included singing by the chorus, piano solos by Miss Helena Kellere, violin solos by Ole Theobaldi, and a lecture by Dr. Cook, the polar explorer. Theobaldi the eccentric violin virtuoso, was of course, to be the treat of the evening although much credit for the applause awarded his performance was due to the exceptionally artistic accompaniment by Miss Kellere. The audience seemed far more pleased with that young lady's work than with that of the pompous Theobaldi. Miss Kellere's rendition of Scribines Nocturne (for left hand alone) won the heartiest applause of the entire evening.

Mr. Theobaldi advertises himself as the "Worlds greatest descriptive violin virtuoso," although his descriptive effect was apparent only in Griegs "Aase's Death." Mr. Theobaldi's character differs in many ways from that of other artists and it seems to help him draw crowds.

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Among Orthodox musicians, he would be a subject of debate as is the famous "Myllar Gutten" (The Miller Boy) whose fame was gained by his playing of the Norwegian Folk Dances, "Springar" and the "Halling" (a dance originating in Hallingdahl, Norway).



[LEDER TO LECTURE]

Mr. Christian Leder, a Danish American ethnologist, is visiting Chicago. Mr. Leder, still a young man, has already made a name for himself through his extensive journeys and research. He will, in the near future, deliver a lecture on the Eskimos, describing their homes, home life, hunting, and traditions. He will show a group of excellent pictures from the land of snow and ice and will present a series of slides in the same line: phonograph records of Eskimo music.

Mr. Leder is a quiet, intense type, with nothing of the showman about him, but his personality shines forth both in private conversation and public appearance. His lecture will be very educational and will reveal facts about Eskimo life that were hitherto unknown. We sincerely trust that Cedric Hall will be filled to capacity on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1912.

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Scandia, Nov. 4, 1911.

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[TEMPERANCE LECTURE]

p.8. The lecture by Editor Duckerts, on "Degeneration and Alcoholism" drew a capacity audience at I. O. G. T. Hall. The able editor is also an able speaker, and held his listeners spell bound throughout the clear and concise lecture; many adjudged him even better than the well-known Peder Svendsen, who has been for years the favorite and most forceful speaker of I.O.G.T. We will not attempt a report on the lecture as Duckerts is a man that should be heard personally, not quoted.

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Scandia, Aug. 19, 1911.

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[FINE LECTURE BY GOULD]

p.8.....Prof. Chester N. Gould of the University of Chicago, delivered a lecture on Wednesday from a unique platform. The Viking Ship that was sailed from Norway to Chicago for the World's Fair in 1893 has occupied a prominent spot in Lincoln Park since it was presented to Chicago and this ship was the rostrum from which Prof. Gould spoke, his subject being "The Vinland Expeditions of the Vikings."

A more fitting rostrum could not have been selected than this outstanding memorial to the intrepid discoverers of our country. The lecture was very good, and details of the facts surrounding the activities of Leif Eriksen and his followers were interesting and highly educational.

Prof. Gould commended the "Norske Klub" for their interest in the "Viking Ship" and their efforts to have it properly cared for. This unique memorial should be given the best of care.

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NORWEGIAN TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

The Norwegian Temperance Association met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church last Tuesday. Mr. Peder Svendsen, former member of the Norwegian Storting, spoke. The church was crowded.

Mr. Svendsen discussed present-day conditions in Norway, and the tasks that must be undertaken in the near future. The lecture was one of the most masterly given by Mr. Svendsen here in Chicago.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Mar. 21, 1909.

HISTORICAL LECTURE

On Tuesday evening, March 23, a lecture on historical progress will be given at the Karl Marx Club, in Jacobsen's Hall. The Scandinavian Socialist Singing Society will sing. Admission is free.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 13, 1909.

IBSEN LECTURE

Arne Kildahl Lectures about the Great
Master and His Many Works

Last Tuesday evening in Mabansia Hall, Mr. Arne Kildahl, of Washington, D. C., lectured on Henrik Ibsen. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Norwegian Club. Mr. Kildahl began by bringing a greeting from the Norwegian Society in Washington. He mentioned the president of that Society, Mr. R. N. Sartz, well known in Chicago, and informed the audience that all the Norwegian members of Congress, including Senator Knute Nelson, were members of the Society.

The speaker expressed regret that his lecture had been written in English. If he had had the time, he said, he would have rewritten it in Norwegian. This was impossible, however, and he appealed to the audience to be not too critical of his English pronunciation.

It is evident that no thorough discussion of the great author's works could

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be presented in a brief evening's lecture. The lecturer spoke of Ibsen's childhood and youth; he referred to the meager circumstances under which the playwright lived; he also mentioned the many other obstacles that Ibsen had to contend with, not the least of these being the fact that his works were misunderstood and misjudged.

Mr. Kildahl continued with a brief discussion of Ibsen's most important works, classifying them in the usual way. He also told some interesting anecdotes about the taciturn dramatist, and two of these were such as had not been told before.

The audience regretted that only little was told about the life of Henrik Ibsen in Norway after his return from his long self-imposed exile. The banquet given in his honor on his eightieth birthday was not mentioned. An account of this banquet would have been of special interest to the ladies who were present since all of Ibsen's lady-types were represented at the banquet.

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WITH BLESSUM TO NORWAY

The Minnehaha Temperance Club offered an exceptionally attractive entertainment last Sunday. The Club succeeded in getting Mr. Ben Blessum to deliver an illustrated lecture on Norway. Mr. Blessum's previous series of lectures on Norway has won unanimous praise among the Norwegians in Chicago, and the people were not disappointed last Sunday either. The attendance was not as large as had been expected, but the lecturer held the audience spellbound from beginning to end.

Mr. Blessum's pictures, with motif from the southern part of Norway, cover a territory which so far has been partly disregarded. The mountainous inland section of Norway became easily accessible only after the railroad from Christiania to Bergen had been completed. With this new and modern railroad Mr. Blessum led the audience from the eastern part of the country to the west coast, and the stereopticon presented the pictures in a very realistic manner.

It is easy to see that Mr. Blessum has sifted his material carefully, with



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good taste and much love for his theme. As the pictures are selected in his lecture they form a gold mine for anybody who is interested in the study of the Norwegian people and the type of life led in Norway.



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Scandia, May 11, 1908.

PROHIBITIONISTS SPONSOR MEETING

A meeting sponsored by the "drys" was held in the Crystal Theater Building last night. Two excellent speakers were heard. Waldemar Ager, editor, spoke on "The Norwegian Pioneers in America," and Jens C. M. Hansen [Dane], head librarian at the University of Chicago, spoke on "International Literature". The program included national dances, choruses, solo singing, a string orchestra, etc.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 27, 1907.

THE ULABRAND LECTURE

The second lecture in the Ulabrand series was given last night in Ulabrand Hall. It was a great success. About 400 people had met to hear Rev. Bergesen lecture on Ibsen's "Brand," and they followed the lecture with intense interest.

Rev. Bergesen is a student of Ibsen literature, and clearly showed in his lecture that he has a keen insight into this mighty drama by Ibsen. A second lecture on the same subject by the same lecturer will be given in about one month.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 26, 1907.

MEMBERS OF SLEIPNER HEAR DEBATE

The question of divorce or no divorce engaged the interest of the members of Sleipner at their club meeting last evening. The chief debaters were Lars A. Bergan, affirmative, and Ed. Hansen, negative. Several others expressed their opinion, but only the two speakers mentioned had really studied the question. The judgment was, that on the basis of arguments and facts presented divorce had been justified.

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A WEEKLY UNDERTAKING

(Editorial)

The young people's society, "Albrand", has resolved to give a series of free popular lectures this fall and winter; they will be presented monthly to start with, and later, if the people desire it, there will be a lecture every two weeks.

The first lecture was given a month ago. Dr. Klovstad spoke of consumption and how to avoid it, in an interesting easily understandable way.

Tomorrow the Rev. Bergesen will lecture on Ibsen's "Brand." Surely people will be interested in learning how one of our leading ministers looks upon this mighty drama.

This undertaking by the active young people of Albrand deserves recognition.

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In Norway and in other European countries, lectures such as those mentioned have for a long time been important elements in public education. This educational work is known there under the name of Workers Academies. Of late years, several of the American universities have carried on a similar work through the University Extension lectures. These latter ones are not always free, however.

The lectures arranged by Hjalrand are given in Norwegian, especially for Norwegians. They will be given in plain language and in such a manner that everybody will be able to enjoy. The intention is both to provide information and to stir interest; and also to create pleasant hours as a variety from the daily work. Let there be full house at each lecture.

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LECTURE ON IBSEN'S "HEDDA" AT THE

The Rev. E. H. Røed will lecture on this great play, "Hedda Gabler", under the auspices of the Norwegian Cultural Center, New York. The lecture will be given at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on Wednesday, April 3, 1947.

This is the second lecture in the series on Ibsen, the first being on "Hedda Gabler". The lecture is given by the Rev. E. H. Røed, who is a well-known and experienced lecturer.

The Rev. E. H. Røed is well known as one of the leading authorities on Ibsen's work. There will be no doubt that his lecture on "Hedda Gabler" will be an excellent one. Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" is not only a masterpiece of Norwegian literature, but it is also a masterpiece of world literature. All Norwegians ought to read it, and all who are interested in literature ought to read it.



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[KLOVSTAD TO LECTURE]

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The first of the free popular lectures arranged for by the young people's society Ulabrand will be given by Dr. A. Klovstad in the rooms of the society in Wabansia Hall on next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Klovstad is a noted lecturer and it is certain that his lecture will be worth while.

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Scandia, July 1, 1905.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

A number of open forums have been arranged at the University of Chicago by the Scandinavian Club of the University. Three forums /will be devoted to/ Swedish lyrics; Clement Shaw and Adolf Hult will be the speakers /at two of these; the third speaker has not been announced/. /At another forum/ Professor H. Larson will speak on "Glimpses of Scandinavian Art." Mrs. Gudrun Thorn-Thompson will be heard on "Norse Myths and Fairy Tales."

Other speakers, to whom no subject has been assigned, will be D. E. Wahlberg, Professor Arnoldson, and Dr. T. Foss.

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Scandia, May 6, 1905.

LECTURE ON GRIEG AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The music director of the University of Chicago gave an address last Wednesday on Grieg's compositions. The lecture was sponsored by the Scandinavian Club of the University. Mrs. Benson sang a number of Danish folk songs.

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Skandinaven, Mar. 16, 1904.

[DEBATING CLUB TO MEET]

(Summary)



The debating club will meet at 8 o'clock, Wednesday, March 17, at the Skandinaven. The topic for discussion will be: "The Danish people and their future."

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[YOUNG NORWEGIAN WINS HONOR]

(Summary)



J. Johnson, born in Norway, was in the first class of the University. There were five candidates. Johnson's subject was "The Fish for the Pole" where he described Jensen's courage and bravery. Next day he will represent Northwestern University at a meeting, where he will meet and debate with candidates from six other universities.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 25, 1900.

THE DRACONESS SOCIETY

Mr. Johannes Liebo Lectures on the Aztecs

Last Wednesday evening, Mr. Johannes Liebo gave a lecture at Zion's Norwegian Lutheran Church on the topic, "The Aztec Indians". The lecture was given for the benefit of the building fund of the Draconess Society. A large audience was present, and the lecture was listened to with great interest.

The speaker presented facts about the remarkable culture of the Aztecs, who were living in Mexico before Columbus discovered America. The ruins remaining after them have caused great wonderment and interest among scientists. One of the last emperors of this people believed in and worshiped an unknown god who had created the heavens and the earth, and erected an altar for him. This same emperor also built the first hospital in America.

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Before and after the lecture, the Covenant Male Quartet sang.....



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PROFITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

In a recent issue of your paper I saw an article regarding a debating club and the difficulties through which it passed, though it survived and prospered. It matters not from what motive such objections arise; they show that such people are against progress in the nineteenth century. There are people who hang their heads in religious pretense, thinking that a debating society is a hindrance to religion. Not at all. Anybody with common sense can possess intelligence and religion at the same time. What is the use of being so radical? What is the use, I say. Is it not better to use all the honest and reasonable means you can (you who have the ability and, perhaps, the experience) to help enlighten people in these lonely country-places, where advantages are so slim and scarce? Where the people have religious services in the little schoolhouse only once a month, perhaps, is a debating society not an excellent thing in such localities? Is there anything better if they be conducted right? And in places where there is dancing, and the young people



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spend their precious winter time at these valueless amusements, what would be better than a debating society or a literary club?

I know of a locality where there are scores of young people of all ages, all bright and ambitious, who have reveled in country dances, etc., to their hearts' content. I organized a debating club which had a literary program as one of its features. We met every Saturday night (that being the only convenient time). The first meeting was not large, but the next one was; the club grew until the schoolhouse became too small for us. Other amusements of every description became a thing of the past, and debate night was the theme and anticipation of the week. And all, even those who had never picked up a paper or a book to read, and who were looked upon as extremely unintelligent, began to study in order to attain some kind of standing in a debating society.

After about two years this society was the boast of the town; every schoolboy



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was aspiring for a place on the program, or as an officer of the society. Everyone wanted to debate, and they did, and profited by it. Those whom the people had called ignoramuses began to speak about books, politics, and even science and art, taking a part in the entire program of the society, and soon they were so developed that we could not get along without them. They became our star speakers, and they did not need much urging on account of their natural brightness.

How proud I am when I think of our little organization! What a noble effort it is to help enlighten and develop the youth, whether it be politically, spiritually or educationally. I have spent some years of my life doing so, and am most deeply interested in such work. I shall do more in the future along this line.

What do you think of this, worthy readers of Skandinaven? Let us hear from you, and soon, through the columns of this grand old paper, which is read by



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so many who seem to devour its every word. People who object to an organization of this kind are not in it, in this age of kodaks and snapshots. "Keep abreast of the times," my friends; you need not abandon your religion by so doing.



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FRAM BOYS WIN

The Norwegian Football Club Fram II, maintained its leadership within Division 4, by beating Victoria after a hard and interesting battle, the score being 3-2. The Fram boys played well all through the game against one of their most formidable competitors for mastery and leadership.

Scandia, Sept. 16, 1930.

SPORTS

Our people are now going in for boxing in a big way. They have rented the Chicago Stadium for a week, and they have challenged the Germans, the Swedes, and the Danes.

Our national sport is skiing, but boxing is foreign to us. Why not follow the one sport that all Norsemen understand--skiing?

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SLEIPNER [ATHLETIC SOCIETY]

The Sleipner Athletic Society has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. It was a double festival, so to speak, because the Society at the same time welcomed home the dough boys and Jack Tars, who had just returned.

Sleipner has more than three hundred members and a cash balance in five figures. This is a great change from the days when they met in a basement, and picked coal on the railroad tracks. Most of the members, in the early days, were newcomers, and jobless beside; so, naturally, dues were slow in coming in. It is very different today.

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Last Friday a new society was formed by the Norwegians living on the North Side. The name of it is "Maaken" (The Sea Gull). This new club has the honor of being the first of its kind to be organized in Chicago by Norwegians. It is a hunting and fishing club.

Mr. Ocar Pettersen was elected president.

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THE BI-MONTHLY CARD CIRCLE

The Bi-Monthly Card Circle will meet tonight at Chicago Norwegian Club. Mrs. Astrid Mygdal will preside. Arrangement will be made for prizes.

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[SKATING MATCH PLANNED]

The well-known Norwegian skating king, Oscar Mathisen, is to have a match with Bob McLean, here in Chicago. During the summer Mr. Mathisen has been employed in Alfred Johnson's Skate Factory, but has now gone in training for the match.

Skandinaven, Nov. 12, 1917.

FOOTBALL CLUB HONORS PLAYER

Among the Norwegian football players in Chicago, there is probably no one better known by the Norwegian public than Blaaman (Blue man). But it is quite certain that many of his admirers do not yet know that his real name is Trygve Schou.

Saturday evening, the football club Fram gave a social at Central Park Hall in honor of the popular player and his wife. Mr. Schou was taken completely by surprise when informed that the social was in his honor.

At the dinner table many speakers expressed their admiration for the honor guests, and a gift was presented to Mr. Schou and a bouquet of flowers to his wife. Mr. Schou thanked the members warmly for the honor shown him and his wife and for the excellent cooperation of the players during the past year.

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After the dinner, the band played and dancing concluded the pleasant evening.

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THE SKI CLUB "NORGE"

General Meetings and Election of Officers.

According to the report presented by the board, this year has been very promising. The interest for the ski sport is increasing.

At present the interest is concentrated about the national ski meet, which, next year, is to be held under the auspices of the Norge Club in the ski slide of the club at Cary, Ill. The time for the meet has been set at January 27 and 28.

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MOLLA BJURSTEDT IN CHICAGO

The world famous Norwegian Tennis player, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, arrived in Chicago yesterday to participate in a great Lawn Tennis Match on the great track at Edgewater Beach.

The Match is being played for the benefit of the Red Cross Ambulance fund.

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The Norwegian Sports Club Fram met two football teams yesterday. Fram's Team II beat the Danes 14-0, but Team I of Fram lost 2 - 1 against the Columbians(Scotch.)

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[BICYCLE TOURNAMENT]

At the bicycle tournament conducted yesterday, by the Franklin Skating and Cycling Club, Ed. Nelson, of the Norwegian Sports Club, won the second prize. More than eighty bicycle riders competed, and more than ten thousand people were present. The race was run over a twenty mile course, and Mr. Nelson's time was 45 minutes, and $3/5$ second, or $1/5$ second longer than the winner's time.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 10, 1917.

FOOTBALL

Team #2 of the Norwegian Football Club FRAM met with resistance in its encounter with the Chicago Hungarians #2 at the track of the Norwegians. The play was lively and interesting at all times. During most of the play the Norwegians held the upper hand. The final result was 4 - 0 in favor of the Norwegians.

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THE FOOTBALL CLUB FRAM WON.'

Yesterday was a veritable Fram day. Both the teams of the club were in the fire, and both came out victorious.

The opposing teams were Sparta, which was beaten six two one, and Olympia defeated four to nothing.

The Fram teams made excellent record. The boys appear to fall splendidly in line. It is necessary, however, that the boys stop scolding **each** other during the play. Avoid the bad impression!

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Skandinavien, July 5, 1917.

NORWEGIANS IN SPORTS

During the sports tournaments yesterday in Losciuszko Park, the Norwegians won the first prize in the 880 yard race and second prize in the 440 yard race. A Norwegian also won second prize in distance jumping.

In Melrose Park the first prize in a bicycle race of fifteen miles went to a Norwegian. Also in rowing did the group of Norwegians more than hold their own. The rowing took place at Lincoln Park. The various competitions in sports were international in scope, and multitudes of people were present.

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SPORTS OUTING

A great sports outing will be held at Kosciuszko Park. All members of the three Scandinavian sport clubs, the Danish American A.A., Swedish American A.A., the Norwegian Turner Association, are invited. Unision is also offered to athletes living within the Park District. The outing is under the leadership of the athletic instructor for the park.

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/SKI CLUB PICNIC/

The Ski-Club "Norge" will hold its annual picnic for members and friends at the cottage of the club, in the Ski Hall, Cary, Illinois. As usual there will be a varied program.

II B 3Skandinaven, May 19, 1917.NORWEGIAN/NORWEGIAN TENNIS CHAMPION/

p.2.....The Norwegian Tennis-player, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, who holds the American championship; won Womens Single Metropolitan Championship at West Side Club's Courts Friday. Instead of the usual championship title and price Miss Bjurstedt will receive a certificate, issued by United States Lawn Tennis Association, as all the funds of this organization have been donated to the Red Cross.

Miss Bjurstedt defeated Mr. C. B. Hitchens 6 - 3, - 6 - 1, and was superior to her opponents at all times, winning twenty-three sets to Mrs. Hitsen's fourteen. Play for the Double Championship will start Sunday.

II B 3Scandia, May 17, 1913.NORWEGIAN[HONOR OMTVEDT]

The Norge (Norway) Ski Club gave a dinner and card party on Saturday, May 10, in honor of Ragnar Omtvedt, whose 169-ft. jump at Cary, last winter, set a new world's record for ski jumpers.

Mr. Omtvedt has been one of Norge's most active members for many seasons and has been every year one of its outstanding performers; in fact, the accomplishments of this young Norseman have done more to put Norge on the American winter sports map than those of all the other members combined.

The one hundred or more men present were nearly all active ski addicts and many of them spoke of pleasant memories of ski races and jumping tournaments in Norway. Mr. Hoakon Lehns officiated as toastmaster, and Mr. Charles Johansen (to the ski boys, "the ski editor") delivered the speech in honor of Mr. Omtvedt. Other speakers included Ivar Johnson of the Norge Ski Club; Mr. Wessel, of Skandinaven; Mr. Engdahl, of The Press; Mr. Dyhrendahl; Mr. Lampe;

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and Mr. Terje Jensen, who spoke for the younger members of Norge.

Mr. Cmtvedt was decorated by the club president with the gold medal of the club, for having won the championship and for his good sportsmanship.

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[THRILLS AT SKI MEET]

The ski tournament last Sunday at Norge Hill, Cary, Illinois, provided a day of thrills and spills. The hill is so steep and fast and the take-off so high that it is a miracle that any of the jumpers could make perfect jumps. To shoot down the slide at a mile-a-minute pace and hurl oneself out into space, maintain one's balance in landing and complete the run, requires nerves of ice and muscles of spring steel and rawhide. One wonders how legs and skis can withstand the strain of landing from way up among the clouds.

Professional and amateur alike took tumbles, and Ragnar Omtvedt, who recently set a new world record in Michigan, had to be satisfied with second place at Cary; he made jumps of 163 and 165 feet, which netted him 303 1/3 points, compared to 319 by Sigurd Hansen of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The amateur champion was Arne Sletner of Chicago, with 289 points.



IIIScandia, Jan. 18, 1913.1000000[SKATING RACES]

On Sunday, Jan. 18th, the Northwest Skating Club held its annual race meet on the Muloldt Park Lagoon.

The weather was perfect, and the ice was in excellent shape - in spite of the fact that several of the contestants landed terribly at certain times. The intrepid little Irishman, Bobby McLean, took first place in three events including the one-mile Illinois championship event, and the two-mile Illinois championship event. Between the races, the crowd was entertained by Mr. Heide, Paris skater and champion figure skater of France, who on the previous Sunday had donned his skates to try out the ice on the lagoon and was summarily chased off the ice by the park police. Mr. Heide's performance was really artistic; the most difficult figures were accomplished with an ease and grace that brought forth salvos of applause from the 7000 fans gathered for the event.

II B CScandia, Jan. 11, 1913.107-13717[SKATING RACES]

Sleipner, Chicago's elite Scandinavian athletic club, held their annual skating races in Wrigley Field Park, on Sunday, Jan. 6. The light snowfall just before the start of the races reminded one of the Holmenkollen Ski races in Norway being viewed from under a sea of umbrellas. An exceptionally large crowd kept the park police more than busy directing traffic and keeping the crowds on shore.

The Nestor Johnson cup for the one mile event was won by Dolly McLean, who now holds this trophy permanently, having also won it in 1912.

Other winners were (boys): Mr. Albert, half-mile; Roy Anderson, one-mile-novice; Thos. Norman, two-mile relay.

Between races, Mr. August Larson gave exhibitions of figure-skating that brought him a storm of applause after every figure.

This year's racing drew the largest crowd in Chicago, and Sleipner is justly proud of its success.

II B 3Scandia, Feb. 3, 1912.NORWEGIAN[SKI TOURNAMENT]

p.1. The National Ski Tournament, held at the "Norge" Ski Club's hill at Cary, Illinois, drew a crowd of 12,000 fans of the national sport of Norway. There would undoubtedly have been many more spectators had the affair been given proper publicity, especially had the publicity been started earlier. Neither the American nor the Norwegian papers were given any detailed information regarding arrangements and program, and so were hampered in giving a willing publicity to the affair.

The weather was ideal, and the snow on the rebuilt slide in very good condition, and the contest in jumping created many new or rejuvenated enthusiasts for this great sport. Three special trains on Saturday and seven on Sunday carried a good portion of the crowd to Cary, while hundreds of autos and trucks also brought their share.

Many of the contestants criticized the hill as being too steep and the take off too high. The take off was lowered and the jumps became longer, much to the satisfaction of both contestants and spectators. Tumbles were frequent,

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proving the difficulty of the hill.

The American amateur championship went to C. Solberg, St. Paul Minnesota, with 257 1/3 points, T. Jensen, Chicago, second with 243 2/3 points and Ragnar Omtvedt, Norway, third with 243 points. T. Jensen was the "Norge" Ski Club entry and has, for several years been one of the best skiers in the country.

Sunday contests brought out Lars Haugan, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, as champion of the professional class with Sigurd Hansen, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, second and Erling Landvik, Stoughton, Wisconsin, third. There are twelve entries in this class. The longest perfect jump, (i.e. without falling) was made by Sigurd Hansen and measured 119 feet. Anders Haugen jumped 121 feet but was disqualified, falling after landing. Carl Solberg made the longest jump, 121 feet, in the amateur class.

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[CARY SKI MEET]

Extensive preparations are being made to welcome the National Ski Tournament, to be held at Cary Illinois, the greatest event of its kind ever held in America. Senator John W. Loeis is putting forth every effort to insure success, and among other pre-tournament events, to raise the necessary funds, he has headed the committee that has arranged a big wrestling show to be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at Wicker Park Hall. The proceeds of the match go to the Norge Ski Club.

Senator Waege reported that through Gov. Deneen, he has secured the Second Regiment Armory as quarters for visiting contestants at the tournament, which is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27, and 28.

Negotiations with the Northwestern Railroad for special trains are under way, and a company from the Second Infantry has been assigned to duty as guards, and to keep order during the tournament. Col. John J. Garrity has received orders for this service from Brig. Gen. F. C. Pickens, State Adjutant.

Prizes amounting to a value of \$1000 will be given; 350 cash to

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professionals, 500 in cash, \$150 in 1911, and \$180 in special premiums.

The new slide, of steel construction, will be erected at 11:30 with a slide of 750 feet to the take-off. Forty slides, representing over 100 contestants, will initiate the new slide, and if there should be a shortage of snow for the tournament, arrangements will be made to bring it in.



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NORWEGIAN[APPEAL FOR HELP]

p.8...The spirit of "never give up" in the Norse make-up is being demonstrated by a little group of men of our Chicago Norwegian Colony. During a severe storm, this summer, the slide on the "Norge Ski Klub" hill at Cary, Ill., blew down, and was completely wrecked. The ski boys are busy clearing away the wreckage preparatory to building a bigger and better slide for the coming activities, including the great "International Ski Tournament" with the world's best jumpers competing. This meet will draw a record crowd to the "Norge" hill, as the champions of Norway, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, etc. in competition will provide thrills that will make skiing one of America's most popular winter sports.

Subscription lists for funds to finance the rebuilding of the slide will be out on Tuesday, and we urge all friends of "Norge" and skiing to cheerfully do their part.

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P. 5. - "Ski Klubben Norge" (The Ski Club Norge) enjoyed a festive occasion at Jacobsen's Hall last Sunday evening when prizes for the ski tournament were awarded. Hearty rounds of applause greeted each winner as he came forward to receive his prize.

Anton P. Jaeger was awarded first prize plus an additional prize for perfect form, although Mr. Schanke made longer jumps but lost out on form. Mr. Jaeger was a free-lance entrant in the tournament but became a member of "Norge" at this meeting. Frank Olsen of the boy's class, and G. Gunderson, of the men's class, were awarded first prizes in their respective classes.

Around the punch bowl the boys demonstrated that in addition to being proficient on skis, they were able speakers as well. All lauded the clean-cut sportsmanship of the contestants in the tournament and Mr. Anderson spoke enthusiastically of the growing popularity of skiing as an American winter sport and proposed a "Skaal" for Norge's future and the international ski tournament to be held at the Cary Hill in 1912.

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Edward Johnson pointed out the rapid growth of ski activities throughout the U. S. A. and Canada. In fact when one considers the recent date of its introduction, skiing as a winter sport compares favorably with baseball as a summer sport. He also complimented "Norge" because its members had won most of the prizes in spite of the fact that the Chicago boys were at a disadvantage, owing to their lack of training facilities as compared to clubs elsewhere. Many of those are surrounded by hills where training can start with the first fair snow-fall.

Terje Jensen who made the longest standing jump was awarded a special prize donated by Horsrud and Williamsen, two of "Norge's" members. Mr. Jensen had contemplated retiring at this time but with the international coming to Chicago next year he has postponed his retirement for another year. Mr. Jensen spoke feelingly of the sport as becoming one of the strongest links in the chain of good relationship between Norway and the U. S. A. and paid a special compliment to "Nor" Ski Club which had reported with ten members coming here by private coach.

II B 3Scandia, Feb. 25, 1911.NORWEGIAN[HAUGEN SETS SKI RECORD]

p.7.....Ironwood, Michigan - Anders Haugen (Norseman) is now the world's champion ski jumper as a result of his delivering a jump of 152 feet at the tournament on Sunday February 19. Not only did this win the championship, but it established a new world record. A brother, Lars Haugen won second place with jumps of 129 and 131 feet and also one jump of 144 feet. The Irishman Barney Riley in a trial jump made 154 feet but fell when landing.

In addition to the regular first prize Mr. Haugen won two additional prizes, breaking the American record of 138 feet, \$50.00 and the world's record, \$25.00. His total winnings for the day amounted to \$175.00, a neat days result.

Between seven and eight thousand spectators gathered at the hill, and so great was the enthusiasm that every hall in town had a celebration in the evening, the entire city having been decorated in honor of the occasion. Banquets honoring the champion and his fellow skiers were served in several halls, and Haugen and skiing

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were toasted loudly and long. Yes the old Norwegian sport is coming to the front in America. Hurrah for the sport of skiing - may it ever prosper and please in Norway and wherever her sons set forth! We enthusiastically look forward to the World tournament in Cary - 1912.

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NORWEGIAN**[SKI TOURNAMENT]**

p.6. "Norge" Ski Club held its annual tournament on its hill at Cary, Illinois on Sunday, drawing a good crowd, and scoring a real success in spite of the poor condition of the snow. Anton Jaeger won the championship scoring 77 and 78 feet in two jumps. The distance cleared by Andrew Schancke was 78 and 79 feet, Edward Anderson 76 and 79 feet and Terje Jensen 81 and 82 feet. Although these three cleared greater distances in their jumps, the better form of Mr. Jaeger enabled him to score a greater number of combined points than his competitors, and he was awarded first place without protest.

The tournament was strictly an amateur affair as far as competition was concerned, but the exhibition jumps by Aksel Hendriksen was a welcome addition to the regular program. His aerial somersault drew the greatest applause ever accorded a performer on Norge Hill. Starting at the very top of the steep slide he reached the take-off at express speed turning a complete somersault in thin air and landing safely on his feet continued in perfect form through the final turn at the end of the runway.

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In the boys' classes Frank Olsen, Clarence Hohnboc and Hjalmar Sorem were the victors, while in the older men's group G. Gundersen, Louis Olsen, H. Fogerheim and H. Brederup.

The "Norge" Hill consists of a 75 foot tower erected on top of the natural hill increasing the length of the slide to such an extent that it is second to no other hill in the country. The combined excellence of Norge's Hill and club house (where refreshments were served) is bringing the annual National Ski Tournament to the "Norge" Hill in 1912. The entire meet will be held under the auspices of the Norge Ski Club of Chicago.

II B 3Scandia, Jan. 28, 1911.NORWEGIAN[SKIING IN FULL SWING]

p.8.....The great and growing Norwegian-American sport (skiing) is now in full swing, though not in Chicago. Today and tomorrow all eyes will be turned toward Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where the annual competition of the National Skii Association is being held. Chicago, however, is well represented. "Norge" Ski Club sent a delegation of its best jumpers, who will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves and "Nor" Ski Club is represented by sixteen who left last night traveling in a private coach via the C.& N.W.Rr. The meet will draw a crowd of between twenty or thirty thousand.

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IV[PLAN SKATING TOURNEY]

p.8..... Great plans are being made for the Annual Ice Skating Tournament sponsored by the "Sleipner" Athletic Club. The meet will take place on the Humboldt Park lagoon with the first race scheduled to start promptly at 1:00 P.M. Sunday, Jan. 2, 1911. Senior class prizes will be medals in gold, silver and bronze and valuable prizes have also been secured to award winners in all other classes. Entries must be in the hands of the committee not later than noon on Dec. 27th.

A veteran member, John Thoresen, on Thursday was presented with a memorial for faithful service.

His early departure to another climate because of ill health, occasioned this demonstration.

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II B 1 c (3)[FIFTH ANNIVERSARY]

p.4.col.1 The Norge Ski Club celebrated its fifth anniversary with a banquet on Saturday, Nov, 12th, at the Danish Brotherhood Hall. Food and service were of the best and a real spirit of good fellowship reigned throughout the evening.

Scandia takes this opportunity of putting in a good word for this group of outstanding Norwegian-Americans. They are a clean cut, likeable group of young men who have been drawn together by their interest in the national sport of Norway. To them skiing is not only a tradition from the land of their own or their parent's birth. It is a vigorous and healthy exercise that lends itself to spirited competition and health building recreation alike. We predict that the good beginning made by this group will awaken the interest of Norwegian-Americans, throughout the country, to the many advantages of this ancient sport. We urge Chicago's Norwegians to rally to the support of the Norge Ski Club to preserve the traditions and reap the benefits of an activity that will in time become one of America's leading winter sports.

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SLEIPNER ATHLETIC SOCIETY [PLANS PICNIC]

The Sleipner Athletic Society will hold a big picnic at Brands Park on Saturday, August 7. As usual the Society will present a fine program, including good music. There will also be dancing. The tug-of-war between the Sleipner tug-of-war team (junior) and that of the Ulabrand Society is awakening great interest. The Ulabrand team is untried, but the members are confident.

On the fourteenth of August, the Sleipner Society will hold its anniversary banquet at Wicker Park Hall.

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THE NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY
Great Athletic Meet in Logan Square Baseball Park

The committee on arrangements for the great athletic contest to be held in Logan Square Baseball Park, Sunday, September 19, held its first meeting last night at the Norwegian Employment Office, for the purpose of organization. Einar Bergendahl, a veteran turner, was elected chairman of the committee; Lars J. Siljan was elected secretary, and Mr. C. A. Liabro was elected treasurer.

A committee of three men....was selected to arrange with the I. G. U. [International Gymnastic Union] for authority to hold the meet. As soon as this authority has been obtained the official invitations will be issued, and programs for the meet will be sent to the various societies under the I. G. U.

The following program, which is subject to change, has been adopted by the committee:

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1. One-hundred yard dash
2. High jump
3. Broad jump
4. Three-step run
5. Shot-put
6. Pole vaulting
7. Relay
8. Tug-of-war

The official order in which the various events will be held will be announced later. For each event three medals will be awarded, one of gold, one of silver, and one of bronze. The winner of the relay will receive a cup, and the two societies represented by the best athletes will each receive a banner. There will probably be other prizes for individual excellence.

The committee decided to meet every Wednesday evening at the Norwegian Employment Office, so that inquiries as to other features of the meet may be addressed in care of that office.

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SLEIPNER HOLDS GREAT SHARPSHOOTING MATCH

The great sharpshooting match held by the Sleipner Athletic Club has been going on for about a week. The contest is being held at the Club's new rifle range, 696 West North Avenue. The match will be concluded tonight.

Sharpshooters of all nationalities have gathered in large numbers, and the interest in sharpshooting seems to be increasing. The shooting match has cost Sleipner much labor, but it has been a complete success.



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THE NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY

The Norwegian Turner Society held its first business meeting of the year in the Park Casino last night. A committee was appointed to prepare a completely new plan of work in order to discover the actual state of athletics within the various classes. The membership list will be revised, too.

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THE NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY CELEBRATES
What Japan Can Teach Us



The Norwegian Turner Society held a pleasant social on Sunday evening in the Society's gymnasium at the Park Casino. The large hall had been given a festive air by the decorations executed by Sverre Dietrich and Chester Thorson. Norwegian and American flags and colors met the eye wherever one turned and on the long northern wall appeared the letters D. N. T. in red, blue, and white.

At 10:30 P. M. the march to table began, Mr. and Mrs. S. Huseby heading the procession. Mr. G. Martin functioned as toastmaster and....performed his task well. The food was excellent; Mr. Lippmann, the host of the Park Casino did himself proud in the meal he served.

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The first speaker of the evening was the president of the Norwegian National Association, Mr. Birger Osland, who in appropriate words spoke in honor of

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Norway. The speech was vigorously applauded.

Attorney Olaf Ray called attention to the importance of the turner movement in a speech entitled "We Norwegians". He claimed that the turner movement is not being shown sufficient interest in our country, and that Norwegians of means do not contribute as much as they ought to the Norwegian Turner Society in Chicago. We are ready, he said, to aid the children by building orphanages; we help the old people by building homes for the aged. All of this is very good, Mr. Ray said, but it merely means that we co-operate in so far as the outer points of life are concerned; on the other hand, we pay but scant attention to the organizations which teach us to live.

To emphasize his assertion, the speaker referred to conditions in Japan.... The Dutch ambassador to Tokio was to be transferred to the United States and before moving he went to make his farewell visit to the famous General Nogi. He found the General's wife at home, and she told the Ambassador that her husband was at work.... He was teaching gymnastics in the public school. The Ambassador later found the General busily instructing a class of boys under



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fourteen years of age in gymnastics.

If athletics were lent as great interest in America, Mr. Ray said, the results would soon be apparent. America would have strong, healthy young people.

Mr. Ray's interesting speech was listened to with rapt attention and was rewarded with strong applause.

Attorney John J. Sonsteby gave an appealing speech in honor of America; Mr. C. Holt spoke in honor of the Turner Society; Attorney G. A. Ellingsen spoke with great enthusiasm in honor of the ladies with special reference to the ladies' turner class....

The social concluded with dancing. Mr. Lawson's orchestra furnished the music.

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THE TURNERS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

p. 7.. The Norwegian Turn Society has achieved such remarkable success in the fields of gymnastics and athletics during the last year, that Norwegian sportsmen have won the respect and admiration of all sport interested Americans to a higher degree than ever before.

Just as the French, English and other nationalities feared the Vikings in the olden days, so Chicago's various sport clubs are now afraid of the Norwegian Turners in competition. At the Turner meet last March in Bartlett's Gymnasium, where some 300 of America's ablest Turners participated, Sigurd Dietrich took second prize. Einar Bergendahl, who had hurt his foot, was unable to take part in the gymnastic competition, but, urged by his friends, he did perform in the acrobatic exercises and, in spite of his handicap, took third prize.

On May 17th, in Brand's Park, the club took eight of the twelve prizes, and in addition its six-man team brought home first prize in the relay race (a silver cup, donated by the Norwegian National League). And that is not all. On June 16th, the boys fought for the Norwegian colors in Riverview Park, and established a record that has never been equaled by any sport society.

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In the presence of 20,000 fans, mostly Americans and Germans, with a sprinkling of Norwegians, the Norwegian Turner Society took eight out of the eleven prizes, one of them a two-foot silver cup, for the all-around best club. During the season the Norwegian Turners also competed within the Chicago Turners' Baseball League, where they finished up as champions, winning 15 games and losing two.

At the end of the year the society participated in the Y. . C. A. wrestling matches, in which Conrad Christensen took second prize in the championship bouts. Tomorrow night, in Wicker Park Hall, these young Vikings, who have won so many honors for the name "Norwegian" will give a demonstration of how they do it, and every red-blooded Norwegian ought to be present.

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NORWEGIAN TURNER ASSOCIATION

The Norwegian Turner and Athletic Association has been organized, and the following officers elected: Martin Arnesen, president; Pete Backer, vice-president; August Nelson, secretary; Adolph Sevensen, treasurer; Conrad Magnussen, sports director.

The Association intends to hold an athletic meet in about one month. Plans for the coming year will be prepared shortly.

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THE NORWEGIANS ARE LEADING

The baseball team of the Norwegian Turnforening is keeping ahead. Yesterday they once more defeated the team of Chicago Turnergemeinde, 4 to 0.

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NORWEGIANS IN THE LEAD.

The Norwegian Turnforening's Baseball Team is now leading the field. The team has won twelve games and lost only two. Second among the teams is Chicago Turngemeinde.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock these two teams are to meet at the ball park on Chicago Avenue near the water works, and there it will be decided which team is to win finally the first place.

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ONE OF THE OLD DAREDEVILS

Peter Birkemoe is visiting Chicago and his turner brothers here. The old Norwegian turners here in Chicago, and the younger ones, too, for that matter, will remember the name Peter Birkemoe. "Pete" belonged to the Turnforening (turner society) at the time--about six years ago--when the acrobats (of whom only Einar Bergendahl remains) were all the rage.

The names Birkemoe, Rasch, and Johnson, or, rather De Losse and Rochette Brothers, have always been associated with the most terrifying daredevil stunts in the Norwegian Turner Hall and all over the world. Under the name "Rochette Brothers," Rasch and Johnson traveled all over the world with their own circus, and Birkemoe (or De Losse) has just returned from a tour of Europe where, together with a Scotch friend, he won thunderous applause.

Birkemoe visited the Skandinaven when, after four years absence, he came

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back to Chicago, and he had much to tell. He has visited England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and other places. He enjoyed his stay in England most. For several weeks he acted in the great London Hippodrome, and even had to appear before Queen Alexandra. The Queen expressed her admiration for the Norwegian-American acrobat's ability and audacity. The admiration is mutual. Birkemoe cannot find words strong enough to express his admiration for this daughter of the late King of Denmark.

Peter Birkemoe is only twenty-two years old, yet his name was already known, several years ago, far beyond Chicago. He became a member of the Norwegian Turnforening when he was barely twelve years old, and before many months had passed, he was one of the greatest daredevils in the group, and that means a great deal. He will stay in Chicago for a couple of months to meet old friends from the Norwegian Turnforening and from Sleipner.

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WINNING BASEBALL GAME

At the baseball game between the Norwegian Turnforening and the Englewood Turners, yesterday, the Norwegians **won**. So far the Norwegians have won five games and lost two.

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THE BANQUET OF THE TURNERS.

The Norwegian Turnforening's banquet on Saturday evening in honor of the seven prize winners of June 16 was very well attended. The banquet was held in the Turners' Hall, 586 N. California Ave. President Martin Anderson functioned as toastmaster, and expressed the thanks of the club to the prize winners for the great victories won at Riverview Park.

Sports director, John Benson, presented to the club the silver bowl put up by the German Turnverein, and presented to the winners gold medals as follows:

Leif Widness, Nicolay Beck, George Michaelson, Carl Granberg, Conrad Christensen, Sverre Dietrich, and G. Thorsen. The speaker emphasized that it was not to be forgotten that the competitors from those other clubs were able athletics, even though they did lose this time. The

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silver bowl was given into the president's care.

A telegram from the Ski Club Norge was read. During the evening the varied program consisted of speeches, declamations, songs and piano numbers. A very pleasant evening.

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BOYS TO BE PROUD OF

The Norwegian Turn Forening (Athletic Club) won nearly every event at Riverview Park, receiving eight prizes out of ten. The great silver bowl of the meet also went to the Norwegians.

The outcome of the great athletic meet in Riverview Park may be told in a few words. The Norwegian Turn Forening took practically everything, and what remained was distributed among the rest of the participants. All the leading athletic societies in Illinois and Wisconsin had sent representatives, so that the number of contestants was large, and competition was keen.

The Norwegian Turn Forening sent the only Norwegian delegation, a group of six boys, and one man for competition in the free-for-all, seven contestants all told; and these seven men returned home with eight out of ten prizes and in addition the great silver bowl of the meet. The seven victors are Leif Widness, Nicolay Beck, George Michaelson, Carl Gronberg, Conrad Christensen, Sverre Dietrich, and G. Thorsen.

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The competition was very keen, however. In spite of the fact that two of the Norwegian athletes broke the world record in the hop, skip, and jump and equalled, the world record in high jumping, the Norwegians were merely slightly more than one point in advance of their closest competitors, the Central Turnverein. The following table shows the comparative standing of the leading teams:

Norwegian Turn Forening	203.35
Central Turnverein	202.15
Social Turnverein	170.00
Turnverein Bahnfrei, Milwaukee.	168.00
Chicago Turnverein	166.00
La Salle Turnverein	165.00
Turnverein Eiche	156.00

Leif Widness was rated the best man at the meet, and the second best was Nicolay Beck. William Alles, the German who had been so much bragged about, was snowed under, and the prize competitor from the University of Illinois, Mr. Morris,

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had to be content with one first prize, in pole vaulting. He jumped 11 feet; G. Thorsen jumped 10.7 feet.

It was in the hop, skip, and jump that the Norwegians broke the world record, which was 43.1 feet. Leif Widness jumped 45.9 feet, thus breaking the record by 2 feet 8 inches. Nicolay Beck, who was second in this event, broke the record by 7 inches, jumping 43.8 feet.

In high jumping both Beck and Widness equalled the world record, each jumping 5.9 feet. After casting lots Widness was declared the winner.

About 170 athletes competed in the meet, and the audience numbered nearly 200,000. After the meet the Norwegians gathered for a little jubilee in their hall on California Avenue. It is hardly necessary to add that the enthusiasm was great. The prizes will be distributed at a banquet to be given at the Norwegian Turn Hall on Saturday, June 29.

The Norwegian athletes have also won two baseball matches within the last week.

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C. ATHLETIC OR SPORTS SOCIETIES

1. Det Norske Skytterlag (Norwegian Rifle Club). Meetings for practice every Wednesday and Saturday evening, and Sunday afternoon and evening. Meeting place, 833 West Division St. President, O. Jacobsen, 946 W. 42nd. Avenue; Vice-President, M. Johnson, 1234 N. 41st Court; Secretary, Theo. Eriksen, 1443 Ballou Court.
2. Den Danske Skyde Forening (Danish Rifle Club). Meetings at Lagouts Hall, 690 W. North Avenue, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month. President, Jacob Nielsen; Vice-President James Lundsberg; Secretary, Niels Anderson, 813 N. Mozart St.
3. The Athletic Society Viking meets in Rockwell Hall, 985 Rockwell St. President Aug. Nelson; Vice-President, Andrew Skanke; Secretary, M. Petersen; Instructor, August Nelson.
4. Ski Klubben Norge (Ski Club Norge) holds its meetings at Wabansia Hall, corner California and Wabansia Avenues, on the first and third Wednesday of every month. President, Adolph Swenson, 519 N. Avers Avenue; Vice-President, T. Jensen, 233 W. Huron Street; Secretary J. P. Engedahl, 12 Edgewood Ave.

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5. The Norwegian Sports Club Sleipner, meets every first and third Wednesday of the month at Sleipner Hall, 859 N. Fairfield Ave. Gymnastics and athletic exercises every Tuesday and Friday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. Boys' class from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Rifle practice every Sunday forenoon from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. President P. Baker; Vice-President P. H. Pettersen; Secretary, O.C. Hagen, 902 Armitage Ave.

6. The Norwegian Turn Forening (Athletic Club) meets in the Norwegian Turner Hall, 580 to 586 N. California Ave. Directors' meeting first Thursday of the month. The men's class, Tuesday and Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The ladies' class Monday and Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. President Martin Arnesen, 922 N. Campbell Avenue.

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THE NORWEGIANS WON THE DAY

The Expulsion in Connection with the Meet in
Brands Park Rescinded

The great Amateur Athletic Union had expelled about a score of the ablest Norwegian athletes in Chicago because they had participated in the sports events arranged by the Norwegian National League in Brands Park on May 17. The four largest Norwegian sports clubs in Chicago, the Norwegian Turnforening (Turner Society), the Indretsforeningen Sleipner (Sleipner Athletic Club), the Viking Athletic and Ski Club, and the Norge Athletic Club, had sent representatives to compete for the prizes put up by the Norwegian National League. The Norwegian athletic clubs considered the meet a closed one, since only members of the National League could participate. The Amateur Athletic Union's registration committee, however, declared the meet an open one, free for all. In such an "open meet", the Norwegians could have participated under the rules, only if they had received permission from the Amateur Athletic Union. Such permission had not been obtained; hence the expulsion.

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To start with, it was somewhat difficult to understand the reason for this attitude on the part of the Union. At the series of conferences later conducted by representatives of the contending parties, the impression gained strength that the intention of the Union was principally to put the fear of God into the Norwegian athletes; that in the opinion of the Union, the Norwegians had displayed signs of independence quite beyond the likings of the officials of the former. These officials, however, had miscalculated. The Norwegians did not behave according to schedule. Far from making a plea for reacceptance into the Athletic Union, the Norwegians put up conditions for their re-entrance into the union, and in the end, the Union submitted.

The fact is that the Norwegians, together with the Germans, represent the best forces within the sports world of Chicago and the Middle West. And the German clubs on several occasions have shown a tendency to join hands

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with the Norwegians. So the Amateur Athletic Union had to bow to the inevitable and like it!

The "expelled" athletes are now qualified to participate in the big meet in Riverview Park next Sunday. Several of them will probably take part.

Last night the athletic directors of the four clubs in question held a meeting to discuss with other representatives of the clubs the organization of an interstate association for Norwegian athletes. It is rather more than probable that such an association will be formed.

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SLEIPNER'S GOOD SERVICE.

During the years of its existence, the Sleipner sports club has performed valuable service for Norwegians. It is due to Sleipner's efforts that the Skating Sport is known across the country; and it is also largely due to Sleipner that the Norwegians are highly regarded as sportsmen on this side of the Atlantic. The club has never failed to represent the Norwegians in sports competitions, when prospects were fair for improving the standing of the Norwegians, provided the treasury had money for expenses.

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CHICAGO ALDERMEN WILL PLAY BASEBALL IN THE INTEREST OF THE
NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE ON IRVING PARK BLVD.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Republican aldermen of Chicago will play a baseball game against the Democratic aldermen of the city, the proceeds to go to the Norwegian Children's Home at Irving Park Blvd. The game will take place at the White Sox ball park, 39th St. and Wentworth Ave.

The umpire will be Mayor F.A. Busse.

The line-up will be:

	<u>Republicans</u>
Pitcher:	Bernhard W. Snow
Catcher:	Lewis W. Sitts
1. Base:	Joseph Badenoch
2. Base:	Henry J. Siewert
3. Base:	Francis W. Taylor

	<u>Democrats.</u>
Pitcher:	James B. Bowler
Catcher:	Daniel Herlich
1. Base:	Joseph Kohout
2. Base:	Rudolph Hurt
3. Base:	Dennis J. Egan

Republicans

Left Field: Chas. M. Foell
Right Field: W.J. Pringle
Manager: Frank J. Bennett

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Left Field: John S. Derpa
Center Field: J.W. McNiell
Right Field: Thomas F. Scully
Manager: Michael Zimmer.

Admission is 50 cents, and every cent goes to the children's home.

Of course, all the players are well-known. Several of them are extremely well fed, and it will be quite a sight to see them to run for the bases! And then how is the ball to pass Mayor Busse - well, go to the park and see for yourself! -

Skandinaven, May 26, 1907.

SPORTS WAR IS ON!
The Norwegian Sports Association at war with the Amateur Athletic Union.

The Norwegian Turnforening, the Sports Club Sleipner, the Ski Club Norge, and the Athletic Club Nye Viking have been expelled from the Amateur Athletic Union on account of their participation in the May 17th celebration at Brand's Park.

Several of the best all around athletes through this action have become ineligible for participation in Amateur Athletic Union contests.

The Norwegians maintain that they have broken no rules of the Amateur Athletic Union. The contests in Brand's Park, they say, were simply a family affair, as it were; the participants in sports were there as individual members of the Norwegian National League, of which all the clubs mentioned are members.

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The Norwegian athletes have shown a tendency of late toward carrying off the laurels in the sports meets in which they have participated, and this is, of course, not relished by the big down town clubs. It is not at all impossible that this is the real reason for the expulsion, and that the matter of May 17th contest is simply an excuse to get rid of some too capable rivals.

The action may prove unfortunate for the Amateur Athletic Union. The Norwegian clubs are considering the formation of a Norwegian inter-state athletic union in which the Amateur Athletic Union might find a formidable competitor for the attention and good will of the public.

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Skandinaven, May 26, 1907.

SLEIPNER'S JUNE 7TH FESTIVAL.

The seventh of June will be celebrated this year, as last year, by the Norwegians of Chicago. The Sports Club Sleipner has arranged for a festival on a large scale at Brand's Park. A fine program is offered, and in addition to the features recorded on the posters, there will probably be a meet between the leading Norwegian Sports Clubs in Chicago.

To explain the holding of a festival on the date mentioned, the committee on arrangements has issued thousands of hand bills of the following contents: On June 6, 1905, the Norwegian cabinet informed King Oscar, in writing, that the members felt compelled to resign in order to remain faithful to the Norwegian people, and the Norwegian constitution, since the King himself had exceeded the power granted him by the constitution, through his last veto. The following day the Norwegian parliament decreed that the King had ceased to govern as Norwegian King.

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Skandinaven, Apr. 13, 1907.

[WIN TUG OF WAR TITLE]

The Worlds Tug of War Championship was gained by the Sleipner Club against the Vikings of Brooklyn, N. Y., in two pulls of three. First pull six inches, second pull 3 3/4 inches.

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[SLEIPNER TURNERS PERFORM]

The Sleipner Turners gave a complete show for the Norwegian politicians. M. Henricks and M. Nielsen were present and both talked.



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Skandinaven, January 2, 1907.

[SKI CLUB ANNIVERSARY]

The Norwegian Ski Club celebrated its first anniversary in Wabansia Hall. It is a new club. One member from nearly all Chicago Norwegian clubs was present.



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Skandinaven, December 13, 1906.

[ICE COURSE TO OPEN SOON]

The Norwegian Ice Skating Course in Artesian Base Ball Park at Western and Chicago Avenues, will be opened as soon as the weather permits. The famous Norwegian ice skater, S. Huseby, is the organizer. Mr. S. Huseby has received encouragement from the American Ice Skating Association which has promised a helping hand.

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Skandinaven, December 9, 1906.

[AMATEUR WRESTLERS]

New Norwegian amateur wrestlers are appearing every day. Today we have quite a few and very good ones at that. At the national wrestlers' meet held at the Y.M.C.A., four Norwegians were winners; three from Sleipner's and one from the Norwegian Turner union.



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TURNERS BACK HOME

The Norwegian Turners are home again from South Chicago. Of the ten Turners present, nine were given medals and two were given laurel wreaths. The Germans stated that the Norwegians were great athletes.

Record Herald, Feb. 23, 1905.

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NORWEGIAN IN ILLINOIS MEET

A Norwegian entry was received yesterday for the Illinois Athletic Club's meet at the Coliseum next month.

Lief J. Widnaes of the Christiania Athletic Association is the entrant. Widnaes will represent the Illinois Athletic Club, and his specialty is the broad jump and middle distance running.

He is also a marathon-runner and the local club will enter him in the forty-kilometer race at the Missouri Athletic Club at St. Louis in May.



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[CLUBS PLAN PICNIC]

The Norwegian outing club, Thor, will have a picnic at Brand's Park at Elston Ave. on Saturday, July 9th. The Athletic club, Sleipner, and the Norwegian Glee Club will assist. Ed. Hansen is the president, Carl J. Becker, secretary, Peter Backer, cashier and John A. Wold the foreman of the arrangement committee.

Skandinaven, Apr. 18, 1904.

[COD-HEADS CLUB MEETS]

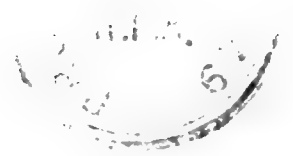
(Summary)

"The Cod-Heads Club" held a big meeting at A. Mathiesen's Hotel. The members are all prominent Norwegians who love fish and a good game of cards.



Skandinaven, Feb. 6, 1904.

PLAN BOWLING MATCH
(Summary)



There is going to be a bowling match between two Norwegian clubs: "Norwegian Turner Club" and the "Norwegian Bowling Club" in Hansen's alley at Kedzie and Cortland Streets.

Skandinaven, Jan. 17, 1904.

WRESTLER ISSUES CHALLENGE

(Summary)



Paul Ageland, one of the strongest Norwegian wrestlers in America, has challenged Ernest Jacobsen to a match. The bout will take place in Scandia Hall some time next week.

Skandinaven, June 22, 1903.

[ALBERT B. HELGESEN WINS DARBY RACE]

(Summary)

"The Picket" was the winner at the Derby Race last Saturday. The jockey, Albert B. Helgesen, who is 17 years old, is the son of Harry Helgesen, who lives in Chicago. Albert started as a jockey two years ago. He does not smoke, or drink, and has bought a house in Austin for \$6,000 cash.

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DERBY RACE

Picket was the winner of the Derby race last Saturday, and Albert B. Helgesen was the jockey. He is seventeen and one half years of age and son of Harry Helgesen who resides at Humboldt Boulevard and Thomas Street. Helgesen has won first prize twice this year, once at New Orleans, and a second time at Little Rock, Ark. He started his career as a horseman at five years of age and has continued riding since. He is a fine young man and has never smoked or drank. He started as a jockey two years ago and has won many prizes. He saved his money so that he was able to buy a house in Austin for six thousand dollars cash.

Skandinaven, Mar. 31, 1903.

[RIFLE CLUB GIVES BANQUET]

(Summary)

The Norwegian Rifle Club gave a banquet at Humboldt Park House, last Sunday. Jonas Helvig, President, announced that H. Gilbert had received first prize with 225 points.



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[SKATING RACES IN HUMBOLDT PARK]

(Summary)

Sleipher's skating race took place at Humboldt Park New Years Day. Six thousand people were present. The Viking Marine Band entertained the public. Thirty-eight skaters took part in the races. Many prizes were given, mostly silvercups and gold medals.



Skandinaven, Jan. 3, 1903.

[CROWD SEES SKATING RACES]

Sleipner's Skating Race took place in Humboldt Park on New Year's Day. Six thousand people were gathered in the park to watch the races. The Park Board engaged the Viking Marine Band of forty men to entertain the public. Thirty-eight entries were booked for the great event.

The ice was not as good as it would have been in the early forenoon, mild weather melted the surface of the track. Three, races, two of one mile each, and one of two miles were held. The first two races were scratches, and the last was the handicap.

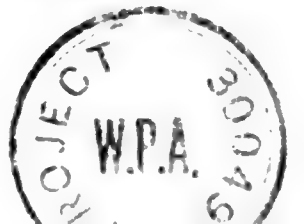
The judges were alderman J. Rayner, P.B. Olsen, T. M. Hunter, J.F. Smulski, Claf E. Ray, and J. D. Garner. John Langley was the winner in the first race. He is thirty-four years old, born in Norway and a member of the Sleipner Club. The prizes as usual were silver cups, gold medals, etc.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 26, 1901.

NORWEGIAN SHARPSHOOTERS SOCIETY
Tenth Anniversary Celebrated

The Norwegian Sharpshooters Society celebrated its tenth anniversary last Sunday with a most successful banquet at Finstad Hall. About fifty members of the Society participated in the celebration. Prizes won during the year were distributed at the banquet. Mr. Peder Olsen functioned as toastmaster and the speech in honor of the Society was delivered by Mr. Lars Johansen, who was introduced by the toastmaster after the latter had welcomed the guests.

Mr. Johansen gave a survey of the history of the Society from its organization in 1891. He mentioned that a previous attempt had been made to form a Norwegian sharpshooters society in Chicago but the attempt had met with so many difficulties as to the location of a suitable course that it was given up. If the men who formed the Sharpshooters Society in 1891 had realized what difficulties they too would encounter, it is more than possible, the speaker



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said, that the Society would never have been organized. But organized it was, and after this step had been taken the leaders and the members in general devoted all possible energy to the task of making their plans succeed.

There was at first an attempt to practice with the German Sharpshooters Society at the course in Kensington; this, however, was soon given up, and then began a long search for a piece of land suited to the purpose. Such a piece of land was finally found in Willow Springs, and a house was built and a course laid out.

It was soon realized that the Society had been most fortunate in the selection of the shooting course, since the land is of such character that the shooting may be carried on with absolute safety. The house built at the start was destroyed by fire and a new one, constructed of iron, was erected in its place.



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In winter the members practiced with air guns on a course within the city. Much time was devoted to practice and the Society had the satisfaction of holding the highest rating at every shooting match in which it participated, each time outdistancing the second-place contestant by a wide margin.

The speaker referred to the two bowls belonging to the Society; one donated by Alderman Eugler, and at present the prize put up for a shooting match. The other bowl was won by the Society in a shooting match with the Danish Sharpshooters Society in Chicago. The speaker concluded with a toast to the Norwegian Sharpshooters Society, after which an ode to the Society, written for the occasion, was sung.

The toastmaster then introduced the president of the Society, Mr. Johnson, who explained the rules for practice shooting and for the shooting matches, and then distributed the medals and prizes won.

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After the distribution of prizes, Messrs. Helvig and O. Osmundsen sang, and afterwards Mr. Helvig spoke in honor of Norway. The speech in honor of America was given by Mr. Hans Nordahl. Later in the evening Mr. Lars Johansen toasted the Norwegian Sharpshooters Society of Minneapolis, addressing the toast to Mr. Bernhard Hage of that Society, who was present. Mr. Hage made a well worded reply, informing the younger members of the Society that he was one of the founders of the Norwegian Sharpshooters Society in Chicago and had been one of the most active members.

Later a number of toasts were made....The banquet continued until late in the evening.



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THE NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY

The Norwegian Turner Society celebrated its sixteenth anniversary last Saturday evening with an entertainment and dance at Scandia Hall. The attendance was large and everyone appeared to enjoy the celebration. There was a gymnastic exhibition in which many difficult feats were executed. The Bjorgvin Singing Society assisted with a number of songs. Professor J. W. Colberg's orchestra provided the music for the program. Later in the evening, supper was served in the dining room. Dancing continued until the early morning hours.



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THE SLEIPNER ATHLETIC CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Sleipner Athletic Club gave an exhibition in Scandia Hall on Saturday evening. The attendance was excellent and the execution of the program was followed with interest. The Club gave a number of exhibitions of well-executed line gymnastics and pyramids, under the leadership of the instructor, Frithjof Andersen. Mr. Kaspersen showed great skill in high-jumping, and O. J. Selvig with the dumbbells.

There was also a wrestling match between a member of the Norwegian Turner Society, Mr. Sigurd Andersen, and C. Stephansen of the Sleipner A. C. The judges declared the match a draw. In another wrestling match between a member of the Turner Society and a member of the Sleipner A. C., the member of the Turner Society was declared the winner.

Harry Dahl sang several comic songs, which drew well-deserved applause.



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Supper was served in the dining room.

The Sleipner A. C. will hold a masked ball at Scandia Hall on Saturday,
February 2, 1901.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 14, 1900.

TAKE UP SPORTS

(Editorial)

Gymnasts and other athletes ought to study the athletic ability of the ancient Norwegians. The best athletes were usually the men who had reached the highest attainments of culture in their day. The men of sports were the men whose names went down in the history of Norway.

To have control of one's movements so that one's body is always supple and elastic, while care is taken, of course, that one's everyday requirements of an intellectual or financial nature are not overlooked, [has always been considered the summum bonum]. The individual who has learned to control his body, can be depended upon to gain control of his mind.

The history of Norway shows that many prominent men, during the days of Norwegian ascendancy, were among the leaders in the realm of sports or

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athletics.

When modern man first began to study Norwegian history, he tended to neglect the advantages won through athletics, and for this reason the Norwegians did not sufficiently prize the attainments of the ancients. Now, however, all of this is beginning to change. The old sagas are being published and read by the thousands, and little by little the Norwegians will come to understand the value of a people's having able and vigorous athletes.

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THE NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY HOLDS BANQUET

The Norwegian Turner Society held a banquet at Nora Hall last Saturday evening for members of the Society. About sixty people were present. Mr. Harold Larsen had arranged an attractive table setting with palms.

Mr. F. C. Hannibal served as toastmaster in behalf of the committee on arrangements. He welcomed the guests, stating that the banquet was held in honor of the committee on arrangements at the turner festival.

The first speaker was the president, Gus. Martin, who alluded to the dissatisfaction caused in some quarters by the distribution of prizes at the recent festival. Especially did he mention a writer in the Skandinaven, Hogbardt Hermansen of Minneapolis. The speaker deplored that Skandinaven had written critically of the work of the prize judges without first consulting the board of directors of the Norwegian Turner Society in Chicago.

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Mr. Rehn, the instructor of the Turner Society, expressed gratification at the showing by the members of the Society at the turner festival....In his opinion there was only one worthwhile turner system, the American. Those who were following foreign ways as turners had better depart for the countries where such systems were in vogue.....

The representative of the Skandinaven was requested to speak, but since he did not wish to reply to attacks upon his paper he merely expressed his pleasure at having had the opportunity to be present.

President Martin expressed the thanks of the Turner Society to Skandinaven for the many favors shown the Society by the paper....Then the punch bowl was put upon the table.



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THE TURNER BANQUET

by

Olaf E. Ray

The Norwegian turner meet here in the city is now an event of the past; only the memories of the gathering remain with us. Athletic exercises in themselves are simply bodily movements which may be of value when carried out with moderation, that is, valuable as far as the health of the individuals participating in them is concerned. The impression received from the exhibitions of a turner society is, however, different from that of the calisthenics of the individual. One might, for example, expect from the turner society a sort of expression of the totality, in life and action, of the progress of our nationality in a broader field than just that of turner activities. One may well demand that these exercises for the body be considered a means for the development of the man or boy in question for life's practical activities. Let no one think that athletics are the goal; they are but the

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Only by emphasizing the practical goal of the turner movement can one find an excuse for the expenditure of time and energy incident to the movement. Athletics are or ought to be simply a means for greater perfection in a man's development as a citizen, as a soldier, as a sailor, as a laborer, as a businessman, etc. Of course it may be said that the turner movement is producing specialists in gymnastics. But in this case the turner has become an acrobat, and this result can but rarely be attained through our ordinary turner societies.....

In general there should be good reason to expect more from a turner, because of his bodily agility, than from the average individual. Where one is facing a whole society of turners one has reason to expect more from such a society of men who possess that gayfulness which comes from perfect health, than one would expect from an ordinary insurance fraternity in which the members expect

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to die first, and only afterward to reap the promised benefits.

The other day we had the banquet of the Norwegian Turner Association, and on that occasion one would expect to be in the presence of the flower of the movement. Dr. Anders Doe gave a speech on that occasion, dealing with the turner movement in our day; among the ancient "Birchlegs" [Translator's note: Old Norwegian warriors]; among the still more ancient Romans, and among the Greeks of a yet older date. At the same time, the Doctor warned against mixing the turner movements with politics, since this would result in death and dissolution....But the illumination thrown on the movement by the Doctor leads us backward, not ahead. The Olympic games were lauded, but baseball was not mentioned. The "Birchlegs" were spoken of but not the "Rough Riders". Theodore Roosevelt is an up-to-date athlete, and if individuals are to be mentioned in support of the turner movement, then it would seem natural to call attention to those of living men, not to those of centuries ago. For the rest, the Doctor's speech was academically correct,

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but where were the words of practical guidance to be gained from the Olympic games?

In our country we have no government except as we ourselves decide, and since athletics are of great importance in the determination of what sort of laws we shall have, it would seem quite out of place actually to warn athletes against entering politics. The Doctor is a Norwegian citizen, and hence his example can be of little importance in our Norwegian-American turner movement, for here it is necessary to become Americanized as speedily as possible so as not to lose out in the procession of nationalities in this country. As regards Mr. Ferdinand Keane, the chairman at the banquet, his presence could carry no threat of aggressive politics, for his candidacy for the legislature brought only twenty votes in a whole district, so that any further announcement of abstention from politics would seem to have been quite superfluous, at least in so far as those participants were concerned who knew the record and attitude, in regard to political matters, of the chairman.

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As far as I could detect not one of the few Norwegians in Chicago who have attained some slightly recognized position in political life, was present at the banquet. The reason for this was quite naturally that the turners were so busy discussing the turner movement, the Olympic games, and other kinds of old-fashioned matter that the practical political utilization of the forces of a healthy mind in a healthy body could find no chance for consideration.

We like to hear ourselves spoken of as Vikings, Birchlegs, etc., but that sort of bragging does not produce desirable results. It is no use talking loudly about the facts of our ancestors; if we ourselves be not able to do viking deeds we are yet not vikings. Take Ward Fourteen, the Ward where Dr. Doe is living. Do you see any Norwegian vikings there? Germans, Jews, and Danes are running the government in the Ward while we are yet listening to fables about the Olympic games and about the times of the "Birchlegs". An ugly sin has been committed among our people here to bring about the present situation in which other nationalities possess the political power

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here in our midst. One may well ask to what extent Dr. Doe is a leader in the move to subject our people in this manner; in what measure the blame for this disgrace is due to him, whose social influence has been so great among our people. Politically we are badly off. The quarrels incident to church divisions are notorious, and we are being designated as devoted seekers after theological phantasms. I believe, however, that the political cowardice ever apparent in the public addresses of our leading men of affairs, on such occasions as, for example, the Norwegian Turners' banquet, is responsible to a far greater degree for our lack of political courage and sense. The turners need to carry their agility as athletes with them into their life and activities; they must take in hand the rich opportunities to be noticed which are open to the youths of this country. It will no longer do to drug ourselves at punch parties and other occasions with "Birchleg" boasting, for our humiliation with reference to participation in public life has become extreme, and we need to shake loose from the shackles of the past.

At a Norwegian Turner meet we ought to pay our respect to the political life,

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and the boys ought to be taught to realize that the Norwegians are expecting more from them than simply to jump and catch for the amusement of the people.

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THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

(Editorial)

The distribution of prizes in connection with the turner convention has caused considerable surprise, especially among the people who were present at the [turner] exhibitions. It wouldn't be too much to say that the turners from Minneapolis made an exceptionally favorable impression upon the spectators. But, when the list of prizes is inspected, one receives quite a different impression. Nearly all the prizes went to Chicago, with hardly anything left to the guests. This fact is so surprising that it has called forth comment in several places.

One may assume that the turners in Chicago are not too well satisfied with this situation. They know that the decision of the judges is unjust as regards the turners from Minneapolis.



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The selection of judges was as unfortunate as could be. Of the six judges, five represented the Chicago societies, while the society in Minneapolis was represented by only one man. To this it should be added that the five judges from Chicago are German turner teachers. The Norwegian turner societies in Chicago are following the German system of athletics while the turner society in Minneapolis is following the Norwegian-Swedish system. It seems reasonable to assume that the five German teachers who functioned as prize-judges were desirous, both from national and personal reasons, to maintain the superiority of the German turner system. The temptation to take this attitude would be so much the greater since the meet came to take on the character of a competition between the two systems. Naturally, the Germans believe in their own system, and, being in complete control of the prize jury, the safeguards for impartial decisions were insufficient.

As a result of all this, the decision of the prize-judges will be considered as valueless in wide circles. It is a matter of course that the Chicago turners regret the result. They are fine upstanding boys who do not desire



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undeserved honor. Neither have they forgotten the splendid reception which was accorded them in Minneapolis, and one may be sure that their desire was to make the turners from Minneapolis enjoy their visit here. The fact that the reception in Chicago cannot be compared to the reception of the Chicago boys in Minneapolis, is due to local conditions which cannot be blamed on the Chicago turners.

Yet, by a little care, we could have avoided having a prize jury who could not offer guarantees against partiality in decisions.



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TURNER CONVENTION

The delegates chosen from the three turner societies [Translator's note: Two in Chicago and one in Minneapolis.] held a convention last Monday at Aurora Hall. All the members of the board of directors were present.

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The president opened the meeting, and it was decided that board members had the right to participate in the debate even though they had not been re-elected as delegates.

Mr. G. G. Martin moved that any member in good standing in any of the three turner societies be eligible as an officer even though the person in question had not been elected a delegate. An extended debate developed in regard to this, but a motion by Mr. S. J. Bolke, limiting the eligibility of officers

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to the delegates, was carried by two votes.

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Mr. J. Jacobsen spoke of the desirability of organizing classes for boys within the Turner Association. He also expressed the wish that the boys be given a chance to compete at the Turner festivals.....The board of directors was instructed to prepare rules for the boys' classes, these proposed rules to be submitted to the various societies for adoption.

An extended discussion developed as to whether the Norwegian-Swedish or the German system was to be employed in line gymnastics.....

Mr. J. Jacobsen moved that at future turner meets the Norwegian system of line gymnastics be used even though the teacher is not a Norwegian. This was adopted.

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THE TURNER FESTIVAL

The members of the Norwegian Turner Society in Minneapolis and the Norwegian Turner Society in Chicago met at Aurora Hall on Sunday morning. The members of the Norwegian Athletic Club Sleipner met at Scandia Hall, and headed by the Northern Light Band, marched to Aurora Hall to join the group waiting there. The joint procession then started through the main streets in the northwest part of the city, marching in the following order: The Minneapolis Turners at the head, dressed in blue trousers and white coats; the Sleipner boys, wearing white trousers and blue coats; finally the Norwegian Turner Society of Chicago, dressed like the Minneapolis boys. All the Turners wore white caps with red and blue borders and Turner insignia attached.

The procession passed the Skandinaven plant on its way. At 11 A.M. the procession dissolved and the participants took the Elston Avenue streetcar to Elm Tree Grove.



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In several of the streets passed by the procession, the business houses displayed the Norwegian and the American flags. Not only business people, but many private families as well honored the Turners in this manner. One of those who thus honored the Turners was Mr. Johnson, corner of Centre Avenue and Erie Street. He said to a reporter of the Skandinaven: "Old as I am, I am interested in the Turner movement, and especially do I honor the guests from Minneapolis."

The Turners arrived at the Park at one o'clock, and during the afternoon a large number of Norwegians and Danes appeared. Some of the visiting Norwegians were Turner veterans, having been in this country for fifty years or more. There were also many of the younger generation, both men and women, and many had brought their children. A spirit of gaiety prevailed everywhere, and everybody showed eagerness in entertaining the guests from Minneapolis, who were easily recognized by the blue band with inscription which they wore on their breasts.



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There was but scant time and opportunity for Turner exhibitions at the picnic since all the active Turners were otherwise occupied; yet there were some Chicago Turners performing various types of acrobatics. The Norwegian Turner Society of Chicago and the Sleipner [Athletic Club], also of Chicago, held a tug-of-war and the Turner Society won a ten-inch pull in the allowed time of five minutes.

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Only a few of the members of the Norwegian Singing Society had put in their appearance, and for this reason no songs were rendered. It is said that the committee on arrangements had forgotten officially to request the singers to appear on the program. The time at the Grove was passed in a jovial manner, and the number of visitors was very large.



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In connection with the banquet, Saturday evening at Aurora Hall, a wrestling match was held between Mr. Ludwee of the Sleipner Club and Mr. Carl Lund of Minneapolis. Mr. Ludwee won. A wrestling match was also held between Messrs. Schonnesen and Wick of Minneapolis. Mr. Schonnesen was the winner. Finally there was a wrestling match between Messrs. Charles Stephanson of Sleipner and Sigurd Andersen of the Norwegian Turner Society, Chicago. In this match, Mr. Stephanson won..... On Saturday, The Norwegian-American Turners Association gave a prize exhibition at Douglas Park.

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The exhibition was watched with interest by a large number of men and women. The members of all the three societies constituting the Association performed excellently, so that the judges will find it a hard task to determine which society showed superiority in the exhibition.

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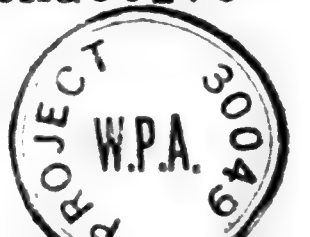
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Mr. F. Anderson is the leader of the Sleipner Athletic Club. For many years he was a Turner leader and afterwards teacher in the Norwegian Turner Society of Chicago. When last year Mr. Anderson became the leader of Sleipner, Mr. F. Rhein was chosen the leader of the Norwegian Turner Society of Chicago. Mr. Hagbart Hermansen was one of the organizers of the Norwegian Turner Society in Chicago, and he remained instructor of this society until a few years ago when he moved to Minneapolis and became active in the organization of the Norwegian Turner Society there. Ever since the latter Turner society was founded, Mr. Hermansen has been its leader. The three leader-instructors here mentioned had personal command of their troops during the exhibition here in Chicago.

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On Saturday evening a banquet was held at Aurora Hall for the guests from Minneapolis....The hall was nicely decorated with Norwegian and American colors, and besides the one hundred active Turners, a similar number of nonactive



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members were present. The Northern Light Music Band serenaded the Turners and afterward, during the evening, played intermittently. Mr. G.G. Martin, chairman of the committee on arrangements, welcomed the guests, especially those who, in the interest of athletics had made the long trip from Minneapolis. Later a number of speeches were made, refreshments were served, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.



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THE TURNER MOVEMENT

(Editorial)

The Norwegian-American Turner Association is holding its third annual meeting in Chicago. The boys from Minneapolis came to the city last Friday. The turner competition took place yesterday, and tomorrow evening the meeting will close with a banquet.

It is a pleasure to observe the vigorous, healthy turner youths, whether in the midst of athletic activities or just walking along the street. "A healthy mind in a healthy body" is their motto, and they constitute the living evidence of the influence of athletics on their bodies. Their bodies are developed systematically; their poise is excellent; their steps are light and firm; their eyes are clear; all their movements are quick, sure, and definite. They are in full control of all their faculties, thus being able to use them to suit their purposes.



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The Norwegian youth in America ought to take up athletics more generally. Systematic, well-balanced bodily activities will strengthen and develop the mind as well as the body, creating healthy, capable people. The ancient Greeks owed their victory over the Persians to the Olympic sports. The ancient Romans were able to conquer the world because athletics were an important factor in the education of the Roman youth. The Norsemen of old put athletics in the place of honor, and this fact made them into a conquering people. The Duke of Wellington declared that "the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." The Americans are the greatest athletes of the present generation; for this reason they are also the most courageous people of our generation--the "vikings" of the present age. The Norwegians had become careless in regard to athletics during recent years; now, however, the outlook in this respect is more promising in Norway. When athletics have once more been given the place of honor, we will hear less empty talk and will find development in clear thinking and in definiteness in action in our old homeland.



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Among the Norwegians in America, as well as among the other Nordics here, the matter of athletics has been given but scant consideration, and the reasons for this are readily discerned. The young people born in this country comply with the customs of the land of their birth, and that is as it ought to be. Thus they learn the sports in vogue; they also learn to use their fists. Most of our Norwegian-American schools have come to realize the importance of sports although several of these schools could and ought to do more along this line than they have done so far.

In regard to the young Norwegian immigrants, however, little has been done in the line of sports. The Norwegian turner societies in Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, and Brooklyn, have been working hard to awaken the interest of the public in the matter, but this is about the total achieved so far.

These turner societies deserve far greater support by our young people than has been the case up to the present. But that is not all. Turner societies



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ought to be organized in every city and in every settlement where Norwegian youths are to be found. In addition, every young people's society, whether affiliated with a religious organization or not, ought to include athletics in its program. The ministers can do much in this matter and they should. It would do no harm if the younger ministers were to join the turner societies.

Our young people will become healthier, stronger, and more capable if the time which now is wasted in idleness, in saloons, or in dance halls be employed in athletics. One branch of athletics is boxing. There is no desire on the part of people, young or old, to mix in brawls or fights; but it is too bad when a young Norwegian boy, strong and healthy, has not received enough training in the use of his fists to enable him to defend himself when attacked. In a country where personal courage is valued as highly as it is in America, a man will lose the respect of others as well as his self-confidence if he be compelled to humble himself again and again in order to escape a



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beating. Yet it has been reported in the papers repeatedly that Scandinavians have been beaten by gangs of other nationalities. Only a short while ago a crowd of more than one hundred Norwegians permitted themselves to be robbed of their equipment and driven to flight by a gang of twenty scoundrels. Everywhere we hear the same story; always the Norsemen are being beaten; never do the Norsemen beat others. People of other nationalities are noticing this, and our people are not thereby gaining in respect. The notion is gaining ground quite widely that the Scandinavians are people sadly in lack of courage--fine servants and workers, but cowardly, poor fighters. We know that this opinion is incorrect. The Scandinavians are physically as vigorous as other people and more vigorous than most others. Also, the Scandinavians do not lack courage, although in this respect they have to take a backseat to the native-born Americans. But even the most courageous person will feel like retreating if he knows in advance that he cannot win in some impending fight. Here the Norwegians have sad experience; they know that they are at a disadvantage because they have not learned how to use their fists; and so they retreat where they ought to stand like men.



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This national shame would not long persist if athletics, boxing, and other sports were taken up for practice by our young people. These sports would develop ability and courage in the individual; would give the Norwegians as a people a firmer and steadier attitude; make them able to stand up for their rights both politically and in other fields of endeavor....Athletics is an important factor in the moral development of a people, and for this reason, the moral leaders of the people--the ministers--ought to take the lead in the athletic movement with their good advice, encouragement, support, and worthy example.



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THE SLEIPNER ATHLETIC CLUB HOLDS PICNIC

The picnic given by the Sleipner Athletic Club last Sunday, at Elm Tree Grove was well attended in spite of threatening clouds. From the looks of the sky, showers might have been expected any moment.

In the morning, Sleipner had a procession through the streets of the Northwest Side, headed by the band of the Northern Light Lodge. At about eleven o'clock, the members of the Society traveled to Elm Tree Grove by streetcar. On arrival at the Park the members settled in groups around the many tables to enjoy the luncheon. The Northern Light Band entertained with music during the entire afternoon.

The participants found entertainment in dancing, croquet, carrousel, etc. A boat race was held and prizes were distributed. [A list of the winners of race is given.] The picnic was a success in every respect.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 7, 1900.

NORWEGIAN TURNER SOCIETY OFFERS PRIZES

The Norwegian Turner Society has decided to hold an extra meeting once a month, with competition for prizes. Medals will be given to the winners. Last Saturday evening a prize turner affair took place in the hall of the Society--Aurora Hall--and five medals were distributed among the best performers. Next month the competition will start all over again for these same medals; those who won them last Saturday will have to defend them against such as decide to enter the competition. An impartial jury of three men function as judges.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 18, 1893.

[SURPRISE PARTY]

Viking Cycle Club received a great surprise last Saturday night. The club was called for a regular meeting and while the meeting was in full swing, the door was suddenly thrown open and a flock of young ladies marched in. In a few minutes the meeting was at end and the dance had started which lasted until 5:00 A. M.



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Skandinaven, April 2, 1878.

[TURNER UNION FORMED]

The Scandinavian Turner Brothers is the name of a new union which has lately started its work. Messrs. Smith and Wingood are the leaders and organizers of this new undertaking. Already it has fifty active members but there is a big chance that it will grow very rapidly. Their meeting place is in Aurora Turner Hall. Last Monday was the first time the members practiced.



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Skandinaven, January 8, 1876.

[BIG EVENT AT TURNER HALL]

The foot-racer tomorrow night at the West Side Turner Hall will without doubt satisfy the public expectations. The success of the earlier appearances show that our two countrymen, "Vikingen" and "Young America", were indeed masters of their trade.

There will also be an unusual musical entertainment provided by the Exposition Band Orchestra and after the entertainment, there will be social dancing.

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THE VIKING SHIP

The festival held in Lincoln Park on the occasion of the presentation of the Viking ship to the State of Illinois was a great success. Thousands of people of every nationality were present. The president of the Viking committee, Mrs. Johanna Thye, presided.

Mrs. Bertha E. Petersen told those present the history of the Viking ship, linking it up with Leif's voyage across the Atlantic. Mrs. Ingrid Holmboe, dressed in the Norwegian national costume, handed a letter to the president of the Park Board. The envelope was a miniature American flag. The president of the Norwegian National League, Attorney Alfred O. Erikson, told how Leif and his crew steered over the turbulent waters of the North Atlantic, without compass, guided only by sun, moon, and stars. He named Norway's great international figures, Sverdrup, Nansen, and Amundsen, the explorers, and many Norwegian scientists and writers.

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After this address the orchestra played the stirring tune, "Sons of Norway".

Mr. Baird, president of the Chamber of Commerce, then spoke briefly.

The celebration ended with the singing of "America".

Mr. Oscar Haugan reported that contributions had far exceeded the \$7,000 set as the goal; \$8,601.91 had been collected.

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THE "VIKING SHIP"

The "Viking Ship" has now been placed in its new home in Lincoln Park. Mr. Oscar Haugan reports that a total of \$7,507.91 has been contributed to date. Mr. Andrew Hummeland received the following letter yesterday:

"Mr. Andrew Hummeland,
"58 West Washington Street, Chicago.

"Dear Mr. Hummeland: Enclosed you will find a check for \$250 which the State Bank of Chicago is pleased to contribute, toward the placing of the 'Viking Ship' in Lincoln Park, and also my personal check for \$100 for the same purpose.

"Very truly yours,
"Henry A. Haugan,
"President."

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A bronze tablet will be placed by the ship, reading as follows:

Norwegian Viking Ship

This ship came direct from Norway to Chicago under its own sails, manned by a crew of Norwegian sailors commanded by Captain Magnus Anderson and carrying a message of good will from the people of Norway to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in the year 1893.

It is an exact reproduction of the famous ship, about 1000 years old, evacuated from King's Mound at Gokstad, County of Jarlsberg, Norway.

In such ships the ancient Norwegian Vikings roamed the seas and founded Norse domains in Normandy, Ireland, and Sicily.

About the year 1000 A. D. the Norwegian Viking chieftain Leif Erikson, sailing in such a ship without aid of compass, discovered the American continent.

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SAVE THE VIKING SHIP

It is interesting to see the national interest that the issue of the Viking ship has created. Andrew Hummeland, secretary of the Viking committee has just received the following letters, some elaborate, some short and to the point:

The following letter is from an American state senator; it reads as follows:

"Kindly find enclosed my check for \$100 for the purpose of helping to defray expenses in repairing and moving the Viking ship. Allow me to assure you that I am very much interested in this work. Nothing could mean more to the early history of our country and the wonderful part taken therein by the seafaring Norsemen than the Viking ship. However, I have always thought that the average person did not pay enough attention to this noble relic and reminder of the very earliest attempts at the colonization of America by Europeans.

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"I hope that when the ship is placed in its new home in Lincoln Park, that thousands of visitors, particularly the children of all nationalities, will view it with the keenest interest and enjoy that thrill of sentimental pride which naturally follows the sight of this historic ship.

With very kindest regards, believe me.

"Yours sincerely,
"William H. Malone."

The following letter is from an outstanding Norwegian businessman:

"I take pleasure in enclosing my check for \$50 made payable to the Viking ship committee. Also accept my heartiest wishes for the success of the undertaking. I think it is a grand opportunity for all Norwegians to prove

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that the memory of our brave forefathers instills in our hearts the desire to keep it alive by something so closely related to their lives as a Viking ship.

"Yours truly,
"D. Lunde."

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SAVE THE VIKING SHIP

To the friends of the Viking:

The Viking Fund is growing rapidly. It has reached the sum of \$4,005.01 on deposit in the State Bank of Chicago, and the majority of the subscription books have not been submitted. Success is now assured. The Viking Ship will be saved; it will not be permitted to go to destruction. In a few days, it will be placed under our protection, and thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Next spring the good old ship will be found in Lincoln Park, safe and sound, with burnished shields and glittering dragon head--a permanent reminder to all the world, in one of the most conspicuous places in the country, of Norse valor on the sea, past and present, and the first discovery of this country.

The appeal of the Committee has met with a splendid response. All seem to be eager to have a share in the honor of saving the ship--this historical document which concerns not only Norway, but also America. That this is appreciated

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also by others than Norwegian-Americans is interestingly shown by a contribution received the other day from the children of the fourth grade of the Francis Parker School, Americans all. It is the ambition of the Committee to collect a total of \$7,000 as soon as possible, and the holders of subscription books (whose splendid aid the Committee gratefully acknowledges) are requested at this time to make a preliminary report of all subscriptions to Mr. Oscar H. Haugan, treasurer of the Committee, State Bank of Chicago. The report must include the names, addresses and amounts of all subscribers, with a remittance of the total sum. This will enable the treasurer to include the contributions with names, **addresses**, and amounts (and proper credit to you and your organization) in the lists which are published weekly in Skandinaven.

No contributions are announced until the amount is actually received. Please retain the books, however, for further collections. We shall need your continued generous aid. Be sure to give every member of your organization an opportunity to receive a Viking Subscription Certificate. It will be a proud souvenir in years to come. More books may be had upon application at the

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secretary's office. All other friends of the cause who will want to take part in the work of saving the Viking Ship and who have not already subscribed, are requested to mail their subscriptions to Mr. Haugan.

Yours for saving the Viking Ship,

Mrs. John C. Thye, chairman;
Andrew Hummeland, secretary.

Report by Mr. Haugan

New contributions	\$ 193.50
Collections receipted for	<u>3,811.51</u>
Total	\$4,005.01

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SAVE THE VIKING SHIP

Every day donations of \$100 flow into the treasury of the Viking Committee. Below are **two** letters received yesterday:

"Dear Mr. Hummeland: I have your letter with request for contribution. I send you my check for \$100 to help defray the expenses of properly mounting and caring for the Viking Ship in its proposed new home in Lincoln Park.

"I heartily agree with Mr. Hobe that every Norwegian-American should take pride in donating something to help preserve the most important existing proof on this side of the Atlantic, telling us what the daring Norwegian sailors have been able to accomplish on the sea.

"Very truly yours,
"J. P. Hovland."

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Another letter, received by Mrs. Berthe Peterson, a member of the committee, reads as follows:

"Dear Mrs. Peterson: Your letter and postal regarding a donation to the Viking Ship Fund have been received, and I am mailing you a check in the amount of \$2 to show that I am in sympathy with the movement. Mrs. Swensen was ahead of you, and got more.

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SAVE THE VIKING SHIP

The well-known Swedish-American, Charles S. Petersen, president of the Swedish Club, wrote as follows to Andrew Hummeland, secretary of the Viking committee.

"I take much pleasure in enclosing a little check for the Viking ship fund. I cannot think of anything to which I would contribute with greater pleasure, and if you should find it hard work toward the end to get the required amount, you may call on me again.

"The prestige of all three of the Scandinavian nations is involved in this undertaking and I feel you are entitled to support from us all.

Wishing you the best success, I am

"Yours very truly,
"C. S. Petersen."

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Aug. 31, 1919.

SAVE THE VIKING SHIP

A mass meeting was held yesterday in Humboldt Park to celebrate the moving of the Viking ship from Jackson Park to Lincoln Park.

Peter Mortensen [Dane] and Olaf Bernts were the main speakers. A parade was held earlier in the day.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 3, 1919.

THE VIKING SHIP

A representative group of Norwegians met last night at the Norwegian Club to discuss the question of the Viking ship and to hear the Viking committee's report. The chairman of the committee, Mrs. John C. Thye, presided, and gave the report. She stated that the committee had tried to find a permanent place for the ship. The credit of arranging for a place in Lincoln Park belongs to the Norwegian Women's Federation whose permanent chairman is Mrs. J. J. Bennet. The Lincoln Park Commission promised to keep the Viking ship in good repair in the future. All but one of the committee members agreed to this arrangement. The single dissenter claimed that Humboldt Park was a better place for the ship. It will take a considerable sum of money to move the ship from Jackson to Lincoln Park, and this money is to be raised at once.

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Scandia, June 24, 1916.

THE VIKING SHIP

There is no better medium for touching the heartstrings of the multitude than the press.

The marvel of the century was the arrival at the port of the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 of the Viking Ship. It was petted and admired by visitors as a most marvelous ship, and Captain Anderson and his crew were banqueted and felicitated upon having braved the seas and safely anchored in Jackson Park.

Go see it today! Stowed away upon blocks outside the Field Museum, shelterless, listless, uncared for, desecrated, insulted! Its shields lie upon the ground beneath it. The colossal Field Museum was intended as a repository for exhibits.

Scandia, June 24, 1916.

Norsemen of red blood, why have we thus forsaken our sacred possession? If our Viking Ship merited bringing to America and receiving a place as an exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, should we not all the more revere and cherish it as a memento, or call it what you will, symbolizing the valor, the dexterity, yea, the sportsmanship of our brave forefathers? Said they:

"The blast of the tempest aids our oars. The bellowing of heaven, the roar of thunder, harm us not. The hurricane is our servant and drives us whither we wish to go."

With feelings akin to deep devotion to our forefathers and pride in their achievements and in the hope of arousing our people from their lethargy, thus to devise some method of preserving Norway's exhibit at the greatest of world's expositions, this appeal is made.

Scandia, June 24, 1916.

The ship needs shelter and some small repairs. Other exhibits repose sweetly, submitted to [public] inspection, within the Field Museum. Why not ours? A citizens' resolution, addressed to the Governor, who has jurisdiction over the park system, might serve the purpose.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 21, 1914.

THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE

A special meeting was called by the Norwegian National League to discuss the plan of moving the "Viking Ship" from Jackson Park to Humboldt Park. Senator Johan Naage called the meeting in order to decide the question now. [Translator's note: The ship was never moved to Humboldt Park, but later to Lincoln Park.]

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 21, 1913.

THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL PARK

The Norwegian National League called a special meeting yesterday to discuss the question of a Norwegian national park. The park committee had recommended the purchase of six acres of land at North and 64th Avenues, along the Des-plaines River, with a frontage of 230 feet on the river and 1400 feet on North Avenue. This parcel of land is covered with large, beautiful old trees, and the buildings on the site are worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The owner is asking \$10,000 for the tract. The committee believes that an annual net profit of \$450 can be derived from the enterprise.

The recommendation was rejected by a vote of eleven to six. Only seventeen of the sixty delegates voted.

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Revyen, Sept. 27, 1913.

THE JOHN W. COLBERG MEMORIAL

The concert of the Norwegian Singers' League, last Wednesday, in Bjorgvin Hall drew a capacity crowd and was both an artistic and a financial success. Such outstanding artists as Mme. Ragna Linne and Gustaf Holmquist participated, and also the promising baritone John W. Colberg, Jr. The large orchestra was directed by Math Pedersen, and the singing societies appeared jointly and individually.

The proceeds of the concert go the fund for the erection of a memorial on the grave of the great singer, John W. Colberg.

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Scandia, Nov. 30, 1912.

MEMORIAL ASSURED

The proposed memorial to Christiania University from the alumnae in America is now an assured fact. The former students of this institution put on a campaign to raise \$10,000 for a memorial. This goal was passed, and donations have reached the very satisfactory amount of \$15,144.70, which has been turned over to the university to be used in any manner it deems best. Needless to say, the memorial will be one to which every graduate will be proud to have contributed.

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Scandia, July 20, 1912.

[A GREAT EVENT]

In ancient times all roads led to Rome. Last week they led to Fargo, North Dak., where the Norwegian National Singer's League held its convention and the Sons of Norway gathered for the unveiling of the "Ganger Rolf" (Wild Rollo) statue. About 700 singers gathered for the big concert at which the choruses, individually jointly sang the old Norwegian masterpieces as well as selections in the English language.

This year's solists were Mr. Borsum, conductor of several Chicago choruses and the famous Swedish Barytone, Gustov Holmquist. Fargo welcomed both singers and "Sons of Norway" with open arms, and Fargo papers spoke very highly of both the league concert and the unveiling ceremonies. Morehead, Minn., across the Red River from Fargo joined with the sister city in the celebration making the two cities one big city with a creek running through it.

The parade preceding the unveiling ceremony caused much grumbling and criticism due to the fact that it lasted two hours and the marchers were thoroughly tired long before reaching the statue of Ganger Rolf. As a whole, however, the festivity was a grand success, and pleasant memories will linger a long time with all who attended.

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Scandia, May 17, 1912.

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[A NOTABLE EVENT]

July 18th will prove to be a big date to all Norwegian-Americans. The occasion, which is of nation-wide interest, is the unveiling of the Rolle statue at Fargo, North Dakota. The statue will be a duplicate of the one unveiled in Rouen, France (then our own flag represented our Norwegian-Americans), and will be cast in bronze.

This statue is a gift of Norwegian-Americans, and in selecting Fargo as the site for the material, they have honored the Norsemen of the Northwest greatly. However, the honor is well-deserved, as the development of our great Northwest was largely the work of the Norse pioneers.

Fargo is sparing no effort to make the affair a grand event, and Norsemen throughout the Northwest are co-operating in every way. One thousand singers of the National Norwegian Singers' League (male choruses from coast to coast) will entertain with patriotic, folk, and classical songs. This appearance of the massed choruses will constitute their first league concert. Prominent men, in all professions and from five countries, have promised to attend the ceremony. Among

the honored guests will be: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier of Canada, Theodore Roosevelt; French, Norwegian, English, and Irish officials; and a delegation of French officials, including the Mayor of Rouen.

In tracing genealogy we find that Ganger Rolf, (Rollo), first Duke of Normandie, is the direct ancestor of more than seven hundred ruling monarchs of Europe today, and that a great number of people in the U. S. who have achieved prominence are descendants of the man whose memory is being honored in the unveiling ceremonies on July 15th. With the thousands of men, thousands of voices joining for the occasion, this should be the greatest ever witnessed in the Red River Valley.

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Scandia, Mar. 16, 1912.

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VIKING SHIP FORGOTTEN

An old subscriber to Scandia, Mr. Thor. Johnson, contributed the following article to our "Minors and Majors" column:

"About five years ago, we received the very pleasing announcement that 'Den Norske Klub' (The Norwegian Club) had taken upon themselves the responsibility of bringing about the repair and preservation of the Viking Ship presented to Chicago (during 1893 World's Fair) as a Norwegian memorial.

"This announcement was enthusiastically and gratefully received by all Chicago, especially by members of our Norwegian colony, as it must be admitted that this memorial was in anything but a presentable condition.

"To date, however, the Club has done nothing in the way of repairs or restoration, or even given the ship a much-needed 'house cleaning,' and during the past two years it has become anything but an object of admiration, or one that we might point out to visitors.

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"Many of us would like to know that, if anything, is being or will definitely be done by the Norwegian Club or the special committee it appointed to carry out this work. If they have "gone dead" on the subject we have the colossal nerve to state that any other Norwegian organization that will assume active leadership in the effort to restore and preserve this historically valuable exhibit will be heartily supported both financially and with service."

Upon receipt of the foregoing, Oslo contacted this Norwegian Club regarding this work, and we are asked to inform our readers that the issue is still very much alive. The work of the original Viking Ship Committee was interrupted by the consolidation of the Norwegian Club and the Quartette Club. A new committee has been appointed representing both factions of this merged club, and they announce that the actual work of restoring the Viking Ship will start in a few days.

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LEIF ERICSON

The Leif Ericson festival, held in Humboldt Park, was a great success. The Norwegians turned out by the thousands.

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The main speaker of the day spoke as follows:

"Straight westward he gazes from the top of his carven boulder, hidden there among the low-growing bushes at the top of a small grassy knoll; straight westward with an intent and eagle look, as one who sees a new world lying like a smouldering cloud above the sunset-reddened horizon. Around him eddy and flow strong currents of the sons and daughters of the Norsemen. Children with fair hair and strong blue eyes laugh and play all summer, and all winter long rosy-cheeked skaters skim endlessly over the wide reaches of the icy Humboldt lagoon, while silver skate-music rings up familiarly to the ears of Leif, the son of Eric, who first saw the western world.

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"Leif Ericson's statue seems to me one of the finest ever cast in bronze. The steady piercing look and that princely poise seem to lift it out of the world of metal into a thing of the spirit. At the time it was erected loud criticisms were voiced by discontented Norsemen who thought it too dandified for the great subduer of seas. But those angry voices seem to have faded away, and now not even their echoes break around the base of the granite boulder whereon in runic letters his name is carved deep.

"Northland's capital here is the corner of North and California Avenues. One cannot mistake them, these lean, smiling, clear-eyed Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians, so different in motion and at rest from the slower moving Poles and Russians further east and south. Great posters of Norge, Danevang, and Svealand hang in the windows; "Norske Kaffestova" signs denote restaurants where sons of the fjords gather for national dishes--Swedish smorgasbord, Danish smor og brod, and Norwegian flote grodt; delicatessen stores full of lute-fisk and huge white curling disks of Northland bread are offered and attended by young vikings who might have plied an oar or hurled spear or

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axe a thousand years ago on venturous forays into the rich south. Dark-haired and dark-eyed Swedes and Northmen abound, too; and these are descendants of those princesses of Rome borne away in dragon-ships from stormed and harried castles of Sicily and France. How many a wild wooing, how many a desperate captive girl, tamed by rough caresses into acquiescence in those long dark halls that fringed the Norway cliffs, lie back of those dark-haired viking children!

"Of the greatest part of Leif Ericson's vision, most people, it seems, are ignorant. For Leif Ericson had caught from Olaf, King of Norway, the vision of a world redeemed by Otto III, of a world where divisions were all to be healed and a common faith was to unite a common humanity in preparation for the dread year 1000, when Christ was expected to return in the clouds for judgement--that great vision was familiar to him, and perhaps he shared it. But in any event, Leif Ericson's foot first pressed these shores. Along the coasts of Vineland his glittering vikings trod; they were the first to hover above and sweep through our eastward seas."

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"It was a son of the North--perhaps even one of the tribe of that Eric the Red who was Leif's sire--who first circled the world on the wings of the wind: Erik Nelson, numbered among the deathless crew of the airplane "Chicago" that made the trip.

"Honor to Leif, son of Eric, and to the blood of the vikings; to the clear eyes which first saw the New World under the western skies!

"History throbs and echoes within me as I look up at that statue among its leafage. Blood of fair-haired ancestors of my own long northern line awakes, and faint stirrings of those wild choruses they sang, careering under the foam-swept stars of the salt Atlantic, ring in my echoing veins.

"Skoal, Leif, Eric's son! Skoal! May your memory live forever."

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 21, 1901.

LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT SOCIETY

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Leif Ericson Monument Society, last Thursday, it was resolved to disband the Society and return its charter to Springfield since the task for which the Society was formed has been completed. The Leif Ericson monument has been unveiled, and all bills connected with the monument's creation have been paid.

The board of directors were of the opinion, however, that inasmuch as the members of the Society had been co-operating so well during the years of working for the Leif Ericson monument, it would be desirable to continue their work together for some other worthy objective, forming a branch of some society working for an orphanage or some other charitable undertaking. A motion to this effect was made and carried unanimously. Mr. L. E. Olson was elected temporary president; Mr. C. Nergard, temporary secretary.



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LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT IS INSPECTED BY MANY

Humboldt Park was crowded all day Sunday by the thousands of people who came to see the Leif Ericson Monument. The general opinion was that much praise was due both to the sculptor, Mr. Asbjornsen, and to the members of Leif Ericson Monument Society.

Superintendent Ernest F. Wahl and the gardener-foreman, Mr. G. Armstrong, are still busy arranging for the beautification of the plot surrounding the monument.

Mr. Armstrong deserves credit for the interest he has shown in connection with the placing of the foundation for the monument. The time at his disposal was limited, yet the job was well done.



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THE LEIF ERICSON BANQUET

The banquet in the Sherman House was a gala celebration. The first of the highlights came when the sculptor Sigval Asbjornson entered the banquet hall. It has been a long time since anyone received the ovation that the sculptor received. John Anderson and Mayor Harrison led the supper march. Among the speakers were Paul O. Stensland, whose address is given below:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor of presiding this evening, and the pleasant duty of bidding you all welcome. The committee, who invited you to come, has only one wish--that you may enjoy yourselves thoroughly at this social and memorial evening.

"This celebration is certainly an unusual one; Leif Ericson in America is now and forever a fact. No one can deny it. He is here, not only in his old Vinland, but in busy Chicago, in our very midst.

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IV "Leif, himself, is, however, a subject which I will gladly leave to others here to discuss. His namesake in the park is a figure of whom the original--according to the judgement of competent critics--might well have been proud. The statue is a work of genuine art; and our countryman, Mr. Asbjornson, deserves a great deal of credit for his style and workmanship--yet, what to me seems the most commendable, the most remarkable aspect of the whole affair is that the statue really stands there.

"Never within my recollection, has a worth-while enterprise among us Norwegians in America met with such a succession of obstacles as this undertaking. So much the more ought we to thank the men through whose untiring energy it was consummated at last. Let us all indicate our profound appreciation; let us thank these men in the name of our own national heritage."

Nicolai Grevstad then spoke as follows:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen: The land that Leif and his men dis-

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IV covered was fair to look upon, and they were eager to possess it.

But the homestead law had not been passed at that time, and they had a little trouble before they got a title from the redskin owners. Anyway, they relinquished such title as they had secured.

"But in the fullness of time, other settlers landed a little to the south of the landing place of Leif--men and women of kindred blood and equal courage and daring. With the laws of God and man graven upon their hearts, they took up the white man's burden among the savage people of the New World. The United States of today, the foremost nation among the free and strong nations of the earth, is the glorious function of this humble beginning.

"Upon every page of the marvelous history of America, one fact stands out in bold relief: the American people have never lacked wisdom nor strength in great emergencies. Every other nation has failed at some critical juncture in its history; America--never!

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IV "America has done big things well, and the very greatest, best; and has gained fresh strength from every grave trial. When the appalling calamity struck this land with bewildering suddenness, the people's heart trembled with sorrow, anguish, and righteous wrath; but the majestic calm and self-control of the people left no doubt about the safety of the Republic.

"While we glory in our strength, we should, as good citizens, face our weaknesses with candor and courage. It is true that it has been, and is, comparatively easy for us, as a people, to accomplish difficult tasks, but we cannot deny that we often find it difficult to do those things which seem most easy. We govern the nation better than any of its states; a state better than a city, large or small; a city better than some towns. As for the caucus and the primary, we do not seem to be able to manage them at all--even if we do happen to attend them. We have nearly always chosen the right man for president, but invariably elect the wrong men for constables.

"Our poor often accomplish the difficult task of paying taxes for the rich, while some of our rich men and some of our great corporations have diffi-

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IV culties about paying their own taxes. Our flag is spotless; but to keep our back yards and alleys clean is apparently a task beyond our power.

"Fellow citizens, an impressive lesson has warned us that perhaps we have grown indifferent to some of these everyday duties of citizenship; that we are in need of a national and civic awakening. Let us heed the warning! Let us ever cherish the first principles of good citizenship: plain honesty in public life, and sober common sense in public speech. Let us guard the law against all criminal plots and attacks, or its arm will lose its strength. Let us be careful not to sow injustice lest we shall reap anarchy. Let us crush every form of anarchism--that of the dollar as well as that of the dagger. Let us protect, honor, and support our public servants, from the president down, even if we did our best to defeat them, for they represent the will and majesty of the people.

"In the lawbooks of the people of old Norway, we read that 'law shall build the nation'. A million of their descendants in America accept this funda-

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IV mental truth, whether they reap the golden grain on the plains, or work in our shops, or help to sail the 'Columbia' to victory. No creed could be more wholesome or more thoroughly American. Let us live up to it every day, in word and action, and we shall, each in his place, add to the greatness and glory of America and to the welfare and happiness of her people."

The next speaker, Oscar M. Torrison, spoke as follows:

"Of all the countries in the world, there is none so dear to me as the land of my birth--the United States of America. But of all countries, there is none which appeals to me as much as the land of my fathers, the little country of Norway.

"It has been charged that Norway is an unproductive country, yet I would not exchange the fjords and valleys, the forests and mountains, the waterfalls and cataracts of Norway for the most fertile prairies of other lands;

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IV not because of their material wealth, but because on every fjord and in every valley there is an artist painting the greatest scenery the world has to offer; because on every mountain side there is a poet writing the plays and singing the songs that move the minds and hearts of men; because at the foot of every waterfall there is a musician and composer, drinking in the inspiration of the music that God has given only to the people of Norway. The fertile prairies of other lands have produced rich fields of waving grain, but the rugged rocks of Norway have produced a sturdy race of men.

"After all--the glory of Norway is her people. They are an independent and liberty-loving people. From time immemorial the Norwegians, in their mountain homes, made their own laws, which even their kings were bound to obey, or they would hear from the people. The representatives of the people performed the judicial functions, and there is good historical authority for the claim that 'trial by jury' had its origin among the mountains and valleys of this hardy race of Norsemen.

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IV "The tiller of the soil in Norway was never a vassal or a bondsman to any feudal lord. He held the absolute ownership of his lands in fee. The 'Odelsret' [right of succession by the oldest son, or, in case of death, second son; in the event of the death of the second son, the oldest daughter gained the right of inheritance], the right of the family within a certain number of years to redeem land that has been in the family for twenty years, in case of its sale as a result of misfortune, or otherwise, is still guaranteed by the present constitution, which provides that this 'Odels' right shall not be abolished. Thus the Norwegian in ancient times became a free, independent, self-respecting man, and his family independent and self-respecting.

"I said that the Norsemen were a liberty-loving people; indeed, over a thousand years ago they discovered and settled Iceland; they established a government there, and that government was a republic that maintained itself for a hundred years.

"The Norwegians are a law-abiding people. Who ever heard of a Norwegian

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IV anarchist? Why shouldn't they be a law-abiding people? A people who make their own laws, and whose ancestors for centuries made their own laws, have learned to respect the law.

"This ancient spirit of liberty, independence, and self-government still rules the people of Norway and has found expression in her present constitution, established nearly one hundred years ago, one of the most liberal and popular constitutions of the age. It vests the legislative power in a legislature elected by the people; it gives male suffrage, it abolishes titles; it guarantees liberty of speech and freedom of the press; it requires of all, rich and poor alike, equal military service; it protects the personal liberty and property rights of the individual by a well-considered bill of rights.

"The people of Norway early recognized the fact that a self-governing people must depend on the virtue and intelligence of its citizens, and so they have have been steadily building up a system of education: a system of free public schools which is not excelled anywhere. The schools are governed by local

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IV school boards, one member of which is a teacher elected by the teachers--a principle which has been much debated recently in the United States. Women are eligible for membership on the school boards. Education is compulsory, and illiteracy is practically unknown.

"Under her institutions and with her history, Norway is of necessity in line with the best thought of the age.

"It is not surprising that a people whose literature leads the world, also leads in the position it accords to women. There is no surer barometer of the advancement of a nation than the position it assigns to women. Women have been admitted to the University of Norway for nearly twenty years; they have the right to vote in municipal elections and are eligible to the position of school inspectors. Married women have the right to dispose of the property they own, without the intervention of their dear husbands. The women of Norway are prominent in art, in music, and in literature, and their names will suggest themselves to you without my recalling them.

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IV "The people and government of Norway have taken an advanced position on the question of international arbitration, and have literally supported and participated in the international peace conferences of the last decade. Their work in this respect has been fittingly recognized by the philanthropist, Dr. Nobel of Sweden, who, in his will, appointed the Norwegian Storting to award his great prize for the best work done in the interest of peace.

"This little country of Norway, with her poets whose works are translated and read in every civilized country; with her artists as prize winners in the art centers of Europe and judges in art competitions in America; with her musicians whose music is heard in classical concerts everywhere; this little country, with her merchant marine ranking fourth among the nations of the world, with her fifty thousand seamen in every port and on every sea; with her flag floating in the breeze from the tropics to the arctic, from the ships of Borckgrevink at the South Pole and of Nansen at the North--has reason to feel proud of her achievements in the acts of peace--upon the land and upon the sea.

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IV "All hail to the land from which Leif Ericson hailed!"

The next speaker, John Blegen, spoke in honor of the members of the Leif Ericson Committee. The Committee was organized in 1892, and has functioned to this day. Nearly every representative person in the colony was present.

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The next speaker, Professor Julius Olson, spoke for the Norwegians of America:

"The Norwegians in America, like other people, are proud of their race--of the heroes, poets, and scholars that Norway has produced in both ancient and modern times. We have seen fit to honor one of them today. But he is by no means the greatest hero in Norse history, though he is the first to receive conspicuous attention in this country. No bronze proclaims his fame in the North. Leif's achievement was but a happy incident in an age

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IV filled with stirring events. Why then has it assumed such an importance in the minds of the Norwegians in America? The reason is that this incident is the first authentic fact of American history, no matter whether it be of great or little import. The first landing of the white men on this continent and the first attempt at colonization here are interesting facts, worthy of commemoration, worthy of a monument. But they are especially interesting to the Norwegians of America because those white men, discoverer and colonists, were Norsemen; and hence they have deemed it worth while to emphasize these facts with a monument that will provoke the curiosity of those unfamiliar with the name of Leif Ericson and the Vinland voyages.

"Moreover, so far as the Norwegians themselves are concerned, it serves to connect the history of the North with the history of the land of their adoption. It is one way of linking together the lands of their affection. Viewed either from a Norwegian or an American standpoint, this is a commendable thing to do, and especially if it is historically justifiable. If the Norwegians were not proud of America, they would not have spent thousands of dollars and a great deal of labor and enthusiasm to erect a visible link of historic connection between this country and their native land. Do you

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IV think that foreign ingrates would spend either money or sympathy on such a cause? So in one sense this monument is a declaration of our love and devotion to this land.

"Furthermore, we know that the discussion of the Vinland voyages has not been, and will ~~not~~ be entirely without beneficial results. Those voyages, which were a matter of historical record in the Old Norse sagas, are the first written chapter of American history. The essential facts of the interesting and well-told Saga of Erik the Red are good history. They are of such a nature that they need no corroborative evidence, for they bear the earmarks of truth. It is simply silly to question them. Now this first chapter of American history, which so many American scholars have studied, has been a gateway for many into the rich realm of Old Norse history and literature. The late John Fiske is a conspicuous example of what I mean. That has been to our great advantage. Familiarity with our literature has helped Americans to understand us better, as a race. We want that better understanding, and are anxious to do all in our power to promote it. Such a

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IV cause is worthy of promotion, for there are always great obstacles to be overcome in the attempt to bring different races to a sympathetic understanding of each other.

"I think that I state a generally recognized fact when I say that the Norwegians, as a whole, stand high in the esteem of Americans. But this does not imply that there is as yet perfect understanding between them. Americans do not see things from the Norwegian point of view, nor do the Norwegians always understand the feelings and sentiments of Americans. As a result, there is a certain amount of irritation. Leif Ericson is a pertinent illustration of this fact. The most modest claims that the Norwegians make for him irritate some Americans. They are not all as ready to yield a point as a wag in Wisconsin, who, on hearing of Leif's claims to honor, said: 'Well, I always thought it was George Washington who discovered America; but if it has to be a foreigner, I would just as soon have it Leif as anybody else.'"

"I said there was sometimes irritation. The Scandinavian looks back upon a racial existence that antedates the earliest beginning of Athens and Rome.

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IV He is proud that his race has maintained its identity and individuality up to the present, from time immemorial, and hence, in certain moods, he is inclined to view the Yankee as a callow upstart, especially when the Yankee swaggers, which he sometimes does. The American, on the other hand, proud of the brilliant achievements of a brief century of national life, does not always give honest heed to representatives of more plodding nations. But he is learning. Time and experience and expansion are giving him a wider horizon and broadened sympathies.

"The Norwegians in America, however, have no particular fault to find. They have a spirit of independence, born of the consciousness of the great contributions they have made in the building of this nation. They certainly do not consider themselves parasites on the tree of American liberty. And still they are not all, as yet, thoroughly imbued with the best ideals that America represents. Considering especially the barrier of language, that would be too much to expect. But their children and grandchildren will be so imbued. The ultimate civic ambition of the Norwegians in America is to do their full duty toward this country; to transplant the virtues of their

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IV northern homes to the broad and fertile fields of this land; to leave the imprint of what is best in them on this nation.

"Meanwhile we are not disposed to believe that any thoughtful American will view with suspicion the fact that the Norwegians of America cling with affection to the traditions and historical achievements of their fathers. There is nothing in them that runs counter to good Americanism. A people's traditions are a mighty cultural force, and cannot safely be disregarded. American history and traditions can only rarely become the property of the immigrants. It is their children who will inherit these priceless resources of good American citizenship. And so I say as my final word: Let the Norwegians in America, and their children and grandchildren, if possible, often turn to the rock from which they are hewn."

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THE LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT

Just across from the pavilion on Humboldt Park an elevation of earth has been made and a large rock placed there on which the Leif Ericson statue will be set. Fifteen societies will participate in the parade this afternoon. The line of march will be, as follows:

From Scandia Hall, down Ohio Street to Sangamon Street, then to Grand Avenue, Center Street, Erie, Noble, Superior, Robey and Division Streets to Humboldt Park.

The following well-arranged program has been planned:

1. Music by the Northern Light Band.
2. Address by A. I. Elvis

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3. Song--"Sangerhilsen" [Singer-regard].
The Norwegian Singers League.
4. Address by O.A. Thorp.
Dedication of the Monument.
5. Music by the Northern Light Band.
6. Presentation of the Monument to the West Park Commissioners by L. E. Olsen, President, Leif Erikson Monument Society.
7. Mr. Bangs, President of the West Park Board, officially receives the gift (sic).
8. Singing by Norwegian Singers League.

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9. "America", sung by the audience, accompanied by Northern Light Band.

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LEIF ERICSON STATUE ACCEPTED

West Park Board Appropriates Funds for a Base for the Statue



The West Park Board has formally accepted the Leif Ericson statue for erection in one of the parks on the West Side. As earlier mentioned, the committee to negotiate this matter with the Board consisted of L. E. Olson, president of the Leif Ericson Monument Society, together with Messrs. O.A. Thorp and Charles Thislew, the architect. As Mr. Thorp and Mr. Thislew were unable to be present, Mr. Olson was the sole negotiator to meet with the Park Board.

Mr. Olson mentioned that he had been informed that it was customary for the Board to provide foundations for statues that were to be placed in the parks on the West Side. The Board immediately agreed to provide funds for the fundament of the Leif Ericson statue. This fundament will cost about \$500.

The acceptance of the monument was unanimous, and Mr. Olson said to a reporter of Skandinaven that all the members spoke very favorably of the statue. Several of them had seen not only innumerable sketches, but also the model itself in

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the studio of Mr. Asbjornsen, and they were delighted to get the statue for one of the parks on the West Side.

No decision was taken as to which park is to contain the monument, but the attorney of the Board, Mr. Charles B. Paolicek, was appointed to assist the committee in the selection of a suitable place.

Sculptor Asbjornsen long ago started the execution of the monument itself. It is being modeled in wax at his studio, 300 Wabash Avenue, where he moved when he was about to begin work on the statue. His former studio was not large enough for a statue of the size of the Leif Ericson monument. It is expected that the sculptor will have the statue finished early in the summer.



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On behalf of the Leif Ericson Monument Society, Mr. O. A. Thorp has sent a communication to the West Park Board requesting that a conference be arranged between representatives of the Society and the commissioners. The West Park Board has resolved to invite the members of the Monument Society to the next meeting of the Board in order that negotiations may be undertaken for a suitable location for the monument when the latter is finished. It is probable that the monument will be located in Humboldt Park.



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THE LEIF ERICSON FESTIVAL

The entertainment for raising money for the Leif Ericson monument, which the Leif Ericson Society had arranged at Scandia Hall last Saturday evening was not as well attended as had been expected, and as a consequence, the financial result was rather slight.

The program opened with several numbers by Mr. C. Neargaard's orchestra, after which Mr. W. C. Thorp presented moving pictures and stereopticon views from the Paris exposition, from the war in China, the Leif Ericson monument model, and a mass of humorous moving pictures. All the views presented were good and were warmly applauded.

The Norwegian Glee Club sang several numbers and won well-deserved applause. The Bjorgvin Dramatic Club presented C. Hostrup's comic play "Soldaterloier" (Soldiers' Gaeties). The presentation was very good and the applause long



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THE LEIF ERICSON SOCIETY

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The Norwegian Society for a Leif Ericson monument held an extra meeting at Scandia Hall last Monday evening. A committee consisting of Messrs. A. J. Elvig, J. Asche, and C. H. Lee was selected to present to the Norwegian National Association a resolution to the effect that the income from the Seventeenth of May festivities of the National Association should be turned over to the Society for a Leif Ericson monument.

At the meeting the president was also authorized to appoint a committee to decide on the most suitable location in Humboldt Park for the monument. The president appointed Messrs. O. A. Thorp, C. H. Lee, L. E. Olson, and as consulting member, Architect Thisslev. The president was also requested to engage a woman to go about selling certificates for twenty-five cents, fifty cents, one dollar and five dollars, the proceeds to go to the monument fund. The committee in charge of the festival [to be held] at Scandia Hall on Saturday, October 20, presented its report, including the

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program which had been decided upon. This program is as follows:

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1. March, "Under Fire" Orchestra
2. a. "Naturen ock Hjärtat" (Nature and the Heart), O. Lindblad
b. "To My Country," Carl Cromer The Norwegian Glee Club
3. Moving pictures from the Paris Exposition, the War in China, the Leif Ericson monument, etc. W. C. Thorp
4. "Soldaterloier" (Soldier Gaieties), Play in
one act, C. Hostrup
5. a. "Skjøn er du Nat" (Fair are You, O Night), O. W. Ricktor
b. "Rosebud Fair" The Norwegian Glee Club

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6. Exhibitions Norwegian Turner Society.

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The Committee in charge of the festival will hold its next meeting at Scandia Hall on Friday evening.

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THE LEIF ERICSON STATUE

The board of directors of the Leif Ericson Monument Society at its latest meeting unanimously adopted the sketch by Mr. Sigvald Asbjornsen as a model for the Leif Ericson monument.

As previously mentioned, the Society, in its agreement with Blake and Company stipulated prices for a statue of a height of nine or ten feet; consideration of the question as to which size to decide upon was postponed until a later meeting. This was done in order to give the Norwegians in Chicago a chance to discuss the matter prior to final decision.



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ORIGINAL AND COPY

(Editorial)

The Chicago Record for Tuesday contains a series of interviews with Norwegians in Chicago in connection with Mr. Sigvald Asbjornsen's sketch of a statue of Leif Ericson. The paper contains nine of these interviews; only one of these, one by Mr. Hans Nordahl, agrees with the committee of experts that declared the model an excellent piece of work. One of the statements, from Dr. A. T. Boyesen, is somewhat indeterminate; the others are strongly condemnatory.

Only one of the nine gentlemen who have expressed their opinion of the work has seen the work itself. This gentleman is Mr. Hans Nordahl. Up until Tuesday noon--many hours after their criticisms had been printed--the others quoted by the Record had not seen the model.

Eight of the gentlemen quoted in the Record have thus had nothing to guide them



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in forming their opinion except the drawings which appeared in the newspapers last Sunday. As everybody knows, newspaper drawings of this type will invariably be more or less distorted. That such is the case becomes all the more evident when one considers that all those who had seen the work itself, up to Tuesday noon, without exception were highly pleased with the model, while seven gentlemen who had not seen the original but had judged from newspaper drawings have expressed their displeasure with the model. Unanimity as complete as that in evidence here could hardly be imagined, unless the drawings and the model itself gave the same impression.

The man who gathered the criticisms referred to, the Scandinavian reporter of the Chicago Record, last Saturday said to one of the writers in the Skandinaven:

"You know that our paper does not appear on Sundays. In writing of the Leif Ericson statue and the Asbjornsen model I shall have to find material that has not been used by the other papers. To do so will not be very easy, but I guess I may be able to find something." Evidently he did.



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LEIF ERICSSON STATUE

Asbjornsen's Conception of The Statue Is Studied by Committee
(Wood-cut 4" x 8" of the model)



Mr. Sigvald Asbjornsen's model of the Leif Ericsson statue was inspected last Saturday by a committee of twenty-five prominent Norwegians together with representatives of the press. This committee agreed completely with the artists' committee which, with Mr. Charles L. Hutchinson as chairman, had been appointed to study the statue and render a verdict. This verdict was most flattering, and similarly, all those invited on Saturday were most pleased with the model, and nobody had anything but praise for the artist. The committee of artists presented the following report to the Leif Ericsson Society, addressed to the president, Mr. L. E. Olson:

"In accordance with your request the committee appointed by you met at the study of Sculptor Asbjornsen and there inspected his model for the intended statue of Leif Ericsson. We are pleased to report that we are particularly well satisfied with the model, and we most heartily recommend it to you for acceptance. It is



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the opinion of the committee that if the statue be executed in the same spirit which characterizes the model, then it will be of great artistic value, worthy of being placed in any locality which our city may have to offer."

The members of this committee of artists consisted of Mr. Hutchinson, chairman, and Messrs. Svend Svendsen and Charles A. Coolidge. Mr. Hutchinson transmitted a copy of the report to Mr. Asbjornsen immediately after it was received by the Society, and in a letter accompanying this copy the well-known art critic and supporter [of the project] speaks as follows:

"Personally I am enthusiastic about the model and am hoping that you will execute the statue in full accord with the model. The spirit of the work is magnificent; the figure is simple, dignified, and heroic, and I do not need to add that it is artistic."

Among those who inspected the model on Saturday was Banker H. G. Hangan. He expressed his complete satisfaction with the work and declared that the conditions



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which he had imposed as to the support of the Leif Ericsson Society had been completely fulfilled.

Svend Svendsen, who was also present on this occasion, offered to paint a picture which the Society might dispose of in the interest of its treasury. Among others present on Saturday were Messrs. Thisslev, architect, Hans Nordahl, B. Osland, Thomas Ebert, A. J. Elvig, Oscar M. Torrison, attorney, and John Anderson. Letters of excuse had been received from several of those who had been invited but had not been able to come.....

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The model presents a rare combination of leanness and power; both these motives are so strongly represented that in this respect the figure must be said to represent an ideal rather than a reality, since it would be rather difficult to find a man who fulfilled the requirements, in these respects, of the statue. Inasmuch, however, as both in the total impression it gives and in its various details, the model passes the strictest examination as to anatomical correct-

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ness, the idealism referred to is so far from indicating a weakness in the artist's conception that it undoubtedly is one of the characteristics of the model which most strongly contributed to the unanimous satisfaction with the work. It is the very combination which makes the figure appear heroic, as Mr. Hutchinson expresses it.

The face possesses regular features, is forceful and of genuine Nordic type. The expression is calm and clear. As to the historical details of costume and weapon, Mr. Asbjornsen has made thorough studies of the matter, and the result is that no anachronisms or incorrect articles of wearing apparel or weapon are to be found on the figure.

It is the intention of the Society to have the statue cast nine feet tall; but the president, Mr. Olson, stated to one of the reporters of the Skandinaven that if the sentiment among the Scandinavians in Chicago favors it, the plans may be changed so as to make the statue ten feet tall instead of nine feet. It may safely be said that a statue executed in the spirit of the Asbjornsen model will

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add honor to the Norwegians in Chicago, if the statue finds a place in one of the city's parks.



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WANTS AN OBELISK ERECTED

by
Angel Nelson



Soon a festival will be held commemorating the one thousandth anniversary of the first arrival of Norwegians in America. In connection with this, a memorial column in honor of the event ought to be erected. I would not favor the erection of a man of metal, but rather a memorial stone, an obelisk..... It ought to be at least one hundred feet tall, but preferably several hundred feet, the sides covered with inscriptions in runes, descriptive of the first arrival of the Norwegians. On the base the same description would appear in translation.

Humboldt Park would seem to be a suitable location for an obelisk as mentioned.

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It would be interesting if any of the readers could supply information as to the



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cost of such a stone, not one of marble, but of granite or some similar type of stone.

Every Norwegian, man or woman, young or old, ought to take an interest in this matter and get in touch with the Leif Ericson Society in Chicago for the purpose of having a memorial erected of that event of a thousand years ago. The summer is too far advanced this year for the immediate erection of a monument as mentioned, but let us have the pleasure of beholding something great next year when the Norwegians gather from all over the world to celebrate the [thousandth] anniversary of the earliest entrance of our countrymen into America.

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THE LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT
Statement by Mr. Asbjornsen



I have deliberately and carefully refrained from entering the discussion which has been conducted in the Skandinaven relative to the Leif Ericson monument. It would be regrettable if the cause were to suffer at all from the discussion, for, like Mr. Emil Bjorn, I too am first of all patriotic in the matter.

I agree with Mr. Bjorn that competition is desirable, and it would please me even now (after the work of making the statue has been allotted to me) if we could have competitive bidding open to any sculptor.

The rumor that I had demanded an unreasonable price for the monument must have grown out of a misunderstanding.

A few years ago the matter was lightly mentioned to me; at the time I made an offhand estimate as to probable cost. The amount then mentioned by me was con-

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siderably below those paid for the monuments erected here by the Swedes and the Danes; it was also considerably less than the cost of the statue of Ole Bull, erected by the Norwegians in Minneapolis.

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THE LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT
The Manner of Ordering the Monument
by
"Fair Play"



We hear that a tombstone is to be erected for Leif Ericson here in Chicago. Chicago has about 60,000 Norwegians, and since it had been shown that no worthy monument had been erected for Leif Ericson, it was resolved that Chicago should do it.

For many years the committee in question has been at work, and now we hear of the result: a tombstone! A tombstone over Leif Ericson, and at the same time, over the Norwegians in Chicago!

Some wild stories are abroad about Mr. Sigvald Asbjornsen, the sculptor, and his attitude in this matter. We regret to have to say that certain members of

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the Leif Ericson Monument Society have been instrumental in spreading these stories. The present writer heard the story from the president of the Society, Mr. L. E. Olson, in person, and the gist of the matter was that Mr. Asbjornsen had attempted to force the Committee to pay him an unreasonable price for doing the work. The plain fact is that Mr. Asbjornsen has never received any proposition in regard to the matter. Four years ago Mr. Asbjornsen met one of the members of the Society in a streetcar, and the latter then asked Mr. Asbjornsen about the probable cost of this possible monument. Mr. Asbjornsen gave an indefinite answer to the indefinite question, and since then he has heard nothing about the question and knew nothing of it until he read about it in the papers and was informed by Black and Company that the contract had been signed. And after that, Mr. Black came to Mr. Asbjornsen to ask him if he would make the statue in accordance with Mr. Bjorn's drawing.

Mr. Asbjornsen answered that under any circumstances, if he were to make the statue, he must make it in accordance with his own ideas and not with the drawings of somebody else. Such is the status of the matter now.



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Of course, Mr. Black understands that a statue which does not carry the name of a sculptor would be more or less worthless and would not be permitted to be erected in a civilized city. For this reason he is now trying to have Mr. Asbjornsen lend his name to the statue, at a ridiculously low fee.

This piece of history, then, was enacted in Chicago in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred, and the actors in the scene were "representative Norwegians"! And thus the Norwegians will be planting a nice tombstone--over themselves!



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THE LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT

A Norwegian Protests Against Suggested Plan

by

A Norwegian

In a report from the last meeting of the Society for the Leif Ericson Monument, published in Skandinaven for May 30, it is stated: "A sketch for the monument, presented by Mr. Emil Bjoörn, was adopted, and the board of directors was instructed to contract with the sculpture firm Black and Company for the making of a statue in the course of the summer."

It is true, then, that the Society for the Leif Ericson Monument actually intends to erect a monument as indicated in Humboldt Park. It is no use to try to camouflage the matter by designating Black and Company as a sculpture firm. The firm is simply a company which executes whatever is



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ordered, in iron or in bronze, in accordance with drawings submitted. Statues of this type may be quite agreeable to look at--as ornaments in private gardens, at water outlets, etc.--but there is hardly anybody who would call these productions works of art. When, on the other hand, the question is concerning a statue to be erected in one of the parks of the city, and especially where it is a question of a man, the looks of whom nobody knows, then we must demand, first of all, that the statue be a work of art.

Black and Company possess many statues already finished. Why not buy one of these, then paint in large letters easy to read: "This is supposed to be Leif Ericson." If this were done the fee to Mr. Emil Bjoern would be saved, too. Nobody could claim that the figure thus placed in the park would not be a true likeness of Leif Ericson.

The Society for the Leif Ericson Monument has taken upon itself the re-



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sponsibility of acting for the Norwegians in Chicago. But in doing so, the Society is under obligation to carry out its undertaking in a manner worthy of the Norwegians.

The Society must not attempt a short cut in order to get rid of the whole matter. Either the Society must get enough money to secure the erection of a monument which is a piece of art, or else wait until the necessary money can be raised in other ways.

We, who are not members of the Society for the Leif Ericson Monument, are not satisfied to have the Society place in one of the City's parks a statue of the explorer that will be laughed at by people who understand art.

The members of the Society for the Leif Ericson Monument are nice, decent people, but it is hardly a misstatement to say that they do not understand



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art. The present writer begs to urge the Norwegian artists in Chicago to present their views on the matter.

The sketch presented by Mr. Emil Bjořn is attractive and well executed, as is everything coming from his hand, but this fact does not alter the matter in question. Does Mr. Bjořn really believe that a statue constructed by the firm mentioned above to coincide with his sketch will be a work of art as the term is understood in our days? In other words, does Mr. Bjořn believe that the statue to be ordered will compare, from the point of view of art, with that of Linné erected by the Swedes, or that of H. C. Andersen erected by the Danish, etc.? What do Messrs. Asbjørnson, Svendsen, and Hawlins think of the matter?

And finally, does the Society for the Leif Ericson Monument know that there is in existence a committee, appointed by the Governor, the objective of which is to determine whether or not a statue is worthy of being placed in



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the parks of the city, and has the Society made inquiry as to whether this committee will accept a statue which will bear the earmarks of the ready-made? Many Norwegians in Chicago would be interested in some information on these questions. If a monument is to be erected, it ought to be one of which the Norwegians may justly be proud.



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THE LEIF ERICSON MONUMENT

The Leif Ericson Monument Society had a general meeting last Monday evening at Scandia Hall. The treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lee, presented a report for the past half year, showing a balance of \$2,030.52 in the treasury.

Mr. L. E. Olson was re-elected president and C. H. Lee, P. A. Sjolie, C. Neargard and A. C. Thorsen were chosen directors. F. Ferdinantsen, Lind Hansen, A. Jorgensen, and Hans Hansen will continue as directors.

A sketch of the monument, presented by Mr. Emil Bjorn, was accepted. The directors were instructed to contract with the sculptors' firm of Black & Company for the making of a statue in the course of the summer. The monument is to be nine feet high and will be cast in bronze. The board of directors reserves the right to accept or reject any model which the firm may present. It has been estimated that the monument will cost over three thousand dollars, so that the Society still needs about one third of the required amount.



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The question arose, at the meeting, as to where the monument ought to be located. Some suggested Logan Square, others Humboldt Park. Final decision in this matter was postponed until another meeting.



Scandia, Nov. 11, 1899.

THE LEIF ERICSON COMMITTEE

The recently formed Leif Ericson Committee has started a campaign to raise money for the erection of a monument in honor of the Norwegian explorer and discoverer of America.

The Committee announces that a fall festival will soon be held.

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NANSEN IN ART

(Letter)

Editor of Skandinaven

Dear Sir: Sometime ago, Mr. Olaf Ellison suggested in these columns that a bust of Dr. Nansen, in bronze or marble, be made by a Norwegian artist, and that some public-spirited Norwegian, or Norwegians, of Chicago, furnish the necessary funds. He suggested further that the bust be presented to the Chicago Art Institute, where it would serve as a lasting monument to the name of the man whose features were reproduced, to its generous donor, and incidentally, to the Norwegians of Chicago.

It is singular and not at all creditable that the Norwegians, alone of the three Scandinavian nationalities, are as yet absolutely without representation in the Art Institute, not to mention our heretofore evident failure to erect



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a monument in some park. Our brethren, the Swedes and the Danes, are well represented in the Art Institute and in the parks as well.

Are the rich, old Norwegian Vikings hiding?

Of course, they dug into their pockets when the Viking ship was brought over and presented to the Fields' Columbian Museum, and when they brought over C. Krogh's painting and presented it to the same institution.

Neither the donors, nor the Norwegian people in general, have been entirely satisfied with the manner in which the proper authorities have treated these generous gifts. But the possible lack of appreciation shown in these two cases does not bar success, if Mr. Ellison's suggestion be acted upon.

That the idea of selecting Dr. Nansen as the subject for such a bust is a happy one, is demonstrated by the esteem and popularity he is enjoying, so deservedly, among all classes and nationalities, and by the eager interest and sincere



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admiration with which the story of his deeds is received.

Mr. Asbjornson, whom Mr. Ellison proposes as the right man to do this work, is, as we all know, a young, talented Norwegian sculptor, struggling hard in our midst to reach his goal: a name and success as a Norwegian sculptor in the United States. His several busts of prominent Norwegians and others in this and other cities--lately that of Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen--have gained for him confidence in his talent from all who are acquainted with his works.

Is there any Norwegian with heart and means--there are many with either--to put this idea into reality, thus engraving his name on the honor roll of the Norwegian colony in Chicago, as the donor of a bust of Dr. Nansen to the Art Institute? A name thus made will endure, even though the rest of the donor's deeds may be forgotten.



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Skandinaven, Apr. 22, 1879.

LEIF ERIKSON

(Editorial)

To our forefathers belong undeniably the honor of being the first white men ever to tread upon American soil. We have authoritative historical data evidencing their early arrival on this continent, while reports of still earlier discoveries of this hemisphere are vague and uncertain and shrouded in mythological fog.

In a couple of decades it will be nine hundred years since this great discovery took place, and it is now proposed to erect a monument in memory of this historical event, near the coast where Leif Erikson and his men landed after having sailed their tiny boat across the ocean. On this same continent, which Leif discovered, thousands of his nationals, men and women, have later found their homes, and this monument will for the coming generations, bear proud witness of the race which counts America's first discoverer among its



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But if this undertaking, so honorable for the Scandinavians, is to attain the national significance which it merits, the funds necessary for its completion should be contributed by our own people. The amount of each individual contribution is not so important but the participation should be general, so that it can truly be said that Scandinavians in America erected this monument. If, for instance, every man and woman of our nationality were to donate 25 cents, on the average, a sufficiently large sum would be collected to really show the world that we, as a people, honor our ancestors.

But **if** a national subscription is to be undertaken, the invitation should be issued by our most prominent men. Supposing Ole Bull and Professor R. B. Anderson took the lead? The honor and fame which the violin virtuoso has won in the old as well as in the new world, has been reflected back on the nation, and among our countrymen on this side of the ocean, none has done more to

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spread the knowledge of our people's history than Professor Anderson. Both of these men feel warmly for the mother country and our precious memories, and we hope that for the sake of promoting our national honor and dignity, they will go to the front and organize a national subscription for the Leif fund.



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SONS OF NORWAY

A new lodge of the Sons of Norway was organized yesterday. The Order now has 350 lodges. The new lodge is called Leif Dietrichson Lodge No. 350.

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THE SCANDINAVIAN WOMEN'S BURIAL SOCIETY

On February 12, 1879, the Scandinavian Women's Burial Society was organized by eight women. The Society has steadily grown and is now one of Chicago's most important organizations. Mrs. Christine Christofersen was elected first president, and held that office for twenty-five years. In those days, the '70's and '80's, the women's societies were not recognized as they are today. It was considered a joke that women left their kitchens to become active in any type of work outside the home; "Woman's place was in the home". But this did not scare the eight women who formed the oldest women's society in Chicago.

The moving factor in the enterprise was the fact that many people had come to America, the land of "golden opportunity," hoping to live in economic security without worry, but even though most of the newcomers tried and worked hard, many of them died poor, often not having enough money for funeral expenses. To have a respectable funeral is something our

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Scandinavian people all look forward to. In Norway, Denmark and Sweden the workers were accustomed to having funeral benefit societies, so why not here in America? All the unions had such plans that on the death of a member the union paid a certain sum. This procedure was always welcome in the poorer families. The new Funeral Benefit Society had this in mind. The dues, to begin with, were two cents per week, eight cents per month, and ten cents for initiation. The assessment was two cents per month. This was not much, but as the members were young and healthy, it was expected to have quite a large fund before any money was paid out.

The organization did not use the banks; the treasurer kept the money in her home in tin cans and boxes of all sorts. It is hardly believable that from such a ~~small~~ beginning the Society today has a large fund, and that they, in 1923, paid out benefits amounting to \$4,000. On Jan. 1, 1924, the membership was 452. The Society has 80 bond and stock shares in the Mount Olive Cemetery plus a number of investment bonds in good Chicago real estate.

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As we mentioned before, the first president held office for twenty-five years. The second president, Mrs. Anna Berg, served for fourteen years; and the present president, Mrs. Marit Sene, has served six years. Three presidents in forty-five years is quite a record. Other functionaries have also served long and faithfully. Mrs. Marie Munsen held the office of treasurer for twenty years; Mrs. Hanna Wilson is the present treasurer.

The Society has always contributed to every worth-while cause. The Society contributed to the Viking Ship, the Heeg Monument, the Old People's Home, and the Children's Home.

The dues were raised on January 1, 1924, to twenty cents; assessments, twenty-five cents twice a year, plus twenty-five cents for each death. The initiation fee is now \$1.50. The Society now pays a death benefit of \$200 plus flowers and one automobile for the officers who usually act as pallbearers. This Society is considered one of the largest and strongest in Chicago today.

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The Society celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary last Sunday at the Norwegian Club. The hostess was Mrs. Nicoline Oyen. The affairs committee consisted of Mrs. Helga Nelson and Mrs. Sneve. The main speaker of the day was Dr. Anders Doe. The other speakers were Mrs. Sandberg and Attorney Erickson. The entertainers were Harry Hauge, Mrs. Corby, and Miss Helve.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 11, 1920.

NORA LODGE

The Nora Lodge No. 1, R.H.K. [Knights of the White Cross] celebrated its sixtieth anniversary last Sunday at Dania Hall. Nora was the first Scandinavian Good Templar lodge organized in Chicago.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 4, 1920.

THE EVENING STAR LODGE

The Evening Star, Lodge No. 4, R.H.K. [Knights of the White Cross] celebrated its eighth anniversary last Thursday. The lodges of R.H.K. have taken on new life since prohibition.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 29, 1920.

THE SCANDIA SOCIETY

The Scandia Women's Funeral Benefit Society celebrated its twenty-third anniversary last Friday in the Knights' Hall, 1733 North Kedvale Avenue. Mrs. Maria Fjeld organized the Society twenty-three years ago; she has been one of the most active women in Chicago. Mrs. Laura Borgersen, the Society's first president, and Mrs. Fjeld were the guests of honor.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 15, 1919.

DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

The Anna Kolbjornsdatter Lodge celebrated its eighth anniversary last night. Twenty-six new stars were added to its service flag which now has a total of seventy-seven stars. The Oselio Ladies' Singing Society opened the celebration by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner". The first gold star was then placed upon the flag. The festival ended by the Oselio Society singing Alfred Paulsen's beautiful "Naar Fjordene Blaaner".

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 10, 1919.

HOME COMING FESTIVAL

The Sons of Norway held a home coming festival last night at Wicker Park Hall. About thirty members who had returned from the war were present. The hall was crowded. The program was excellent. Colonel Abe Davis gave the welcome address.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 2, 1919.

NARRONA LODGE

Narrona Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, celebrated its sixteenth anniversary last Sunday at Mason's Hall, North and Kedzie Avenues. Narrona is one of the largest Good Templar lodges in Chicago.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 6, 1919.

OUR OLDEST SOCIETY

The oldest Norwegian society in Chicago is the First Norwegian Women's Burial Society. The members have just celebrated a reunion at their hall, bringing together all the older and more important "old settlers".

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KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Evening Star Lodge, R. H. K. dedicated its service flag last Thursday evening. Mrs. Lina Larsen, the president, presided. The service flag was carried through the hall by a member of the Lodge, flanked on both sides by representatives of the United States Army and Navy, and followed by a flag guard of Red Cross nurses in uniform. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung, followed by a roll call of those who were serving under the colors. A little girl pinned the blue stars on the service flag. Each time a name was called a woman stood up, either a mother, a sister, or a close relative of the one who was "over there."

The Grieg Singing Society sang several numbers. Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen spoke for the flag, the mothers, and sisters. George Kramer spoke for the Norwegian National League. The celebration closed with the singing of "America".

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 3, 1918.

DAUGHTERS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Evening Star Lodge, Daughters of the White Cross, dedicated their service flag at a festival last evening. There are twenty stars on the flag.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 31, 1918.

NORA LODGE

Nora Lodge is the oldest Norwegian Insurance and Sick Benefit Society in the United States. It was organized in 1860. Nora Lodge has always kept up Norwegian traditions. As an example, at the last meeting the Lodge decided to pay the dues of every member who volunteered for service, for the duration of the war. They have also purchased \$1,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. The Lodge passed a similar resolution during the Civil War.

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ANNA KOLBJORNSDATTER

The lodge Anna Kolbjornsdatter held election of officers the other day for the year 1918. The following were elected: Pres. Mrs. Anna Mathiesen; Vice Pres., Mrs. Sophie Enger; Treasurer, Anna Nergaard; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emily Esthns; Financial Secretary, Miss Julie Johnson, all re-elected.

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SOCIETIES AND SOCIALS, ETC.

1. The Norwegian Women's Sick Relief Society will hold its annual bazaar in the Parish House, Humboldt Park, on Monday, Oct. 29. All kinds of beautiful articles. Also refreshments. The Sick Relief Society has done so much good during its existence that it should be sufficient merely to mention the affair in order to get strong support.
2. Annual bazaar by the Good Hope Society, (Young ladies' society) of Hauge Church will be held in the Sunday School rooms of the church next Friday and Saturday. Beautiful and useful things. Refreshments.
3. The Society Eikundasund is holding its regular meeting tonight at Wabansia Hall.
4. Leif Erikson, Lodge #9, R.H.K., is holding dance and card party November 4 in the Hall of the Knights, 1733 N. Kedvale Ave.

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5. Skandia Aid Society will meet Thursday, November 1 at 3270 Wabansia Ave.
6. Great 400 Reformation jubilee at Medina Temple tonight at 8 o'clock.
7. The Norwegian Singing Society celebrating 47 years jubilee on Tuesday, Oct. 30th at Wicker Park great hall. Members with ladies and friends invited.
8. Sick Relief Society of Bethlehem church will hold its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 29. The question is to be considered as to whether the society is to combine with the other societies of same type in the Lutheran church in Chicago.
9. Reformation celebrations: A series of socials in celebration of the 400 years Reformation jubilee will begin at the First Lutheran Church, Cor. Fullerton Ave. and Ballou St. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

A very varied program will be presented at these socials. Everybody welcome.

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10. The Bulletin, the magazine of the Norwegian Women's Association has issued its third number containing all the news of interest concerning the Norwegian Women's Societies in Chicago. It also contains a mass of interesting data about women and their work in general.
 11. Great congress of youth at the Church of St. Paul, 2215 North Ave. on Wed. Oct. 31.
 12. The Harvest Social of the Turners at the Humboldt Park Parish House comes to an end tonight. Excellent entertainment: Music, boxing, singing, readings. Frithyof Werenskjold will be there!
 13. Eidsvold will give a Hard Time Party at Spaulding Hall on the first Thursday in November.
- The great Accordionist Irving S. Shuster will be there to entertain.

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14. Great Social at the Salem Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Speech by Prof. H. Gundersen; music by John Dyldahl, the violinist; singing by Miss Jenny Anderson and the Swedish male quartet.
15. The ladies' society "Thora" will hold a bazaar in Spaulding Hall, 3316 W. North Ave. Saturday and Sunday Nov. 3 and 4. Both evenings there will be refreshments and dancing. Open from 4 P.M.

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Skandinaven, Oct. 17, 1917.

EIKUNDASUND

Eikundasund is a Norwegian-American lodge or society in Chicago, organized ten years ago and its motto is "Social and Beneficial." This motto harmonizes with the deeds of the society during its existence. At its last meeting the society bought a \$100.00 Liberty Bond. Since this society is probably the first of the individual lodges to take such step, it sends herewith the exhortation to other lodges in the city to follow in its step.

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SOROSIS BAZAAR

A bazaar is being held tonight at Moreland Lutheran Church, Lawler Avenue, by the Sorosis. The Sorosis is a society of the young ladies of the church. This society has a membership of sixty and have meetings every other Monday. The present affair is the annual bazaar of the Sorosis and as usual, a large number of fine articles are on hand. Especially is the attention called to some beautiful laces and other pieces of handicraft.

A brief musical program is given every evening. Refreshments are being served.

Skandinaven, Sept. 20, 1917.

THE NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION

The building committee had a meeting Tuesday afternoon. Delegates from the various societies and others interested were present. The building is well under way. The chairman of the committee read her report which was encouraging. All the delegates present voted their support of the undertaking.

The Red Cross division is pressing strongly forward in its work. The office and work room has taken on a more business like aspect since the needed furniture and equipment has been provided.

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Singing Societies

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Norsemen's Singing Society; Lyder Birkdal, president;
rehearsals, Thursdays, 8 P. M.

Bjorvin Singing Society; Christian Olsen, president; rehearsals, Wednesdays.

Jubal Male Chorus; T. J. Kolderup, president; Otto C. Olsen, instructor.

Norwegian Glee Club; L. M. Larsen, president.

The Lark Singing Society; Einar Sundene, president.

Nordraak Norwegian Lutheran Singing Society; Bendik Olesen, president;

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John Rasmussen, instructor; rehearsals, Tuesdays.

Spald Mixed Chorus; Otto Clausen, director.

Bands and Orchestras

North West Band; M. Pedersen, director.

Norwegian Turner Band; Oscar Hollen, president.

Athletic Societies

Danish Society of Sharpshooters; Charles Johnson, president.

Norwegian Ski Club; John T. Engdahl, president; Einar Jensen, captain.

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Sleipner Athletic Club; C. W. Sundene, president; Olaf Gullaug, sports director.

Norwegian Turner Society; Peter Thorkilsen, president.

Anchor Athletic Club; P. A. Johnson, president.

White Star Athletic Club; Amund Howland, president.

Fram Football Club; Thor Westby, president; O. Karkow, captain.

Norwegian Tennis Club; B. Petersen, president.

Benefit and Aid Societies

Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society; Reverend Holman, president.

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Bethel Lutheran Sick Benefit Society; O. Wernes, president.

Norwegian Lutheran Sick Benefit Society; Peter Johnson, president.

Northern Light Sick Benefit Society; Otto Berg, president.

New Norway Sick Benefit Society; Mrs. Marie Zinow, president.

Thora Scandinavian Women's Society; Enga Stephens, president.

Genoveva Norwegian Women's Sick Benefit Society; Mrs. H. Salvesen, president.

Nordfaelles Supreme Lodge; Henrik Henriksen, president.

Our Savior's Sick and Death Benefit Society [Our Savior's Church];

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Peter Johnson, president.

Danish Worker's Sick Fund; J. Balle, president.

Martha Sick Benefit Society; Mrs. M. Pedersen, president.

Danish Mutual Aid Association; H. Frederiksen, president.

Schleswig Aid Society [Danish]; Peter Balle, president.

Funeral [Burial] Societies

Hopes Anchor Burial Society; Mrs. O. Larsen, president.

First Norwegian-American Male Burial Society; C. J. Paulsen, president.

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Scandia Women's Burial Society; Mrs. Marie Blom, president.

White Star Burial Society; Amelia Bergstrom, president.

First Women's Burial Society of Chicago [Danish]; Mrs. Anna Berg, president.

Minde Women's Burial Society; Mrs. Valbors Lund, president.

Evening Star Lodge No. 4, Daughters of R. H. K.; Mrs. Ingeborg Rice, president.

Nora Lodge No. 1, R. H. K.

Leif Ericson Lodge No. 9, R. H. K.; Sam Larsen, duke.

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Dovre Lodge No. 18, R. H. K.; J. C. Tingstad, duke.

Tordenskjold Lodge No. 15, R. H. K.; A. Larsen, duke.

Columbia Lodge No. 25, R. H. K.; T. P. Stensland, duke.

Synnove Lodge No. 2, Daughters of R. H. K.; Mrs. Carrie Larsen, president.

Temperance Societies

Illinois Norwegian Temperance League; Reverend M. E. Fretheim, president.

Blue Ribbon [Danish Christian Temperance Society].

Varden Temperance League; Hans Federsen, president.

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First Scandinavian Women's Christian Temperance Society.

Normania Tent Lodge No. 264, K. O. T. M.; F. A. Carlson, commander.

District Lodge No. 3 Norwegian District Lodge, member of the Illinois Skandinavian District Lodge, organized in 1907.

Norrova Lodge No. 11, I. O. G. T.; C. Ludvigsen, deputy.

Tordenskjold Lodge No. 20, I. O. G. T.

Denmark Lodge No. 23, I. O. G. T. Danish; John Bendiksen, deputy.

Henrik Ibsen Lodge No. 27, I. O. G. T.; I. Thoreson, deputy.

Fremskridt Lodge No. 49, I. O. G. T. Danish; G. Rasmussen, deputy.

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Lindnaes Lodge No. 50, I. O. G. T.; Oluf Solberg, deputy.

Fremskridt Lodge No. 7, Junior Lodge; Julia Bjarne, superintendent.

Labor Organizations

Norwegian-Danish Typographical Union, local 272; Berner Rosvold, president.

Scandinavian Painters Union, local 194; F. Axelsen, president.

First Scandinavian Shoemakers' Association of Chicago; Peder Hansen, president.

Sons of Norway [Benevolent]

Bjornsterne Bjornson Lodge No. 17; Nicolai Salversen, president.

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Roald Amundsen Lodge No. 98; C. A. Christensen, president.

Skjold Lodge No. 100; Sam Berge, president.

Jonas Lie Lodge No. 99; Finn Mohn, president.

Daughters of Norway [Benevolent]

Camilla Collett Lodge; Mrs. Dora Grundeland, president.

Anna Colbjørnsdatter Lodge No. 36; Mrs. Anna Mathisen, president.

Nornen Lodge No. 14; Mrs. Lina Horn, president.

Other Societies

Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged; Consul Oscar H. Haugan,

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president; Mrs. Henry Olsen, president of the Women's Aid Board of the Home for the Aged.

Branches:

Bethlehem Branch; Jacob Helgesen, president.

Concordia Branch; John A. Melum, president.

Humboldt Park Branch; Mrs. John Thye, president.

Logan Square Branch; Anton Lund, president.

Wicker Park Branch; Henry Olesen, president.

Young Women's Aid Society; Mrs. J. A. Paashe, president.

Norwegian Dramatic Society; producer of classical plays and operas.

Bethesda Norwegian Lutheran Society for a Home for the Aged; the Home is located at 2244-46 Haddon Avenue; Mrs. Marie Rigstad, directress.

Bethania Ladies' Benevolent Society; Mrs. Anton Malm, president.

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Eidsvold Youth Society; John Orsahl, president.

Ostlandigen Youth League; T. Gulliksen, president.

Norwegian National League; George M. Kramer, president.

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Scandia, Aug. 14, 1915.

THE SCANDINAVIAN BROTHERHOOD

The Scandinavian Brotherhood of America opened its convention at the Sherman Hotel last night.

Thirty delegates were present, representing more than 15,000 people. The Brotherhood is one of the largest religious organizations in America. The convention will take up matters of local and national interest.

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Scandia, Aug. 7, 1915.

KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

It is reported that the Knights of the White Cross have paid out more than five hundred dollars in sick benefits thus far in 1915. This is a fair sum for an organization of this type /a prohibition society/.

The Knights have done quite good work in fighting drunkenness.....They are supported by all of the Norwegian churches in Chicago.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 26, 1915.

THE BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society held its twenty-first annual meeting yesterday at the Bethlehem Church, Springfield Avenue and Iowa Street. The secretary gave the following report:

Benefits paid out during 1914.	\$ 530.00
Cash on hand, January 1, 1914.	\$ 398.97
Dues payment for 1914.	584.90
Interest	11.43
Income from twentieth anniversary celebration.	33.75
Total.	<u>\$1,029.05</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 567.00

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Cash on hand, December 31, 1914.	\$ 462.05
Total.	<u>\$1,029.05</u>

The membership of the Society on January 1, 1914, was 124. The Society has paid out \$10,710.10 in the last twenty years for sick benefits and funeral expenses.

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THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE

At the annual meeting of the Norwegian National League several things of interest occurred. One of those which caused some excitement was the action of Mr. Iver M. Malmstrom, who had been recording secretary for nine years, in declining to be a candidate for re-election. He retired after these years of active service. The president, George M. Kramer, was re-elected. Mjoen Edahl was placed in charge of the employment office.

The treasurer gave a brief report as follows:

The Seventeenth of May Festival brought in receipts of \$3,302.11. The income for the year was \$3,891.63. The expenses for the year were \$2,470.89.

Mr. Abrahamson of the employment office reported that the farmers had sent \$1,344.59 to the office for traveling expenses. The deficit for the year

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Applications for work had been received from 2,980 men and from 1,012 women.
2125 applicants were placed within the year.

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SONS OF NORWAY

The Sons of Norway Lodge held its annual convention a few days ago. The secretary reported that 51 new lodges joined the supreme body, and that the membership was increased by 1,640, making a total of 10,940. The cash on hand, July 1, was \$109,843.16, compared to \$72,847.66 for last year. C. J. Golee, of Chicago, was elected supreme vice-president.

An important resolution was passed which adds the Canadian flag to the Norwegian and American flags on the supreme charter.

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NEW NORWAY AID SOCIETY

The New Norway Sick Benefit and Aid Society held a festival last night in celebration of its ninth anniversary. Mrs. Marie Linow has been president for the last seven years.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 20, 1914.

SEVENTEENTH OF MAY FESTIVAL

The Jonas Lie Lodge No. 99, Sons of Norway, celebrated the centennial of Norwegian independence with music and song. The Lodge has a very good chorus, Liegutterne (The Lie Boys), a chorus that certainly was excellent at the celebration. Brother Evanson is their director. They opened the program with "Gud Signe Norigs Land" (God Bless Norway's Land). The violinist, J. M. Dybdahl, and the pianist, Miss Gunda Isaachsen, played several old melodies. The actor, Mr. Koht, read several scenes from "Peer Gynt," and the program ended with the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet," sung by the audience.

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NORWEGIAN-DANISH AID SOCIETY

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Aid Society held their annual bazaar at the Humboldt Park Larick House on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The chorus of the Edzie Avenue Church and the Maronna Student Chorus entertained.

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THE SCANDINAVIAN BROTHERHOOD

The Scandinavian Brotherhood is a Scandinavian sick and death benefit society. The Brotherhood recently initiated five hundred new members into its eleven Chicago lodges at an affair held at the Coliseum last Sunday evening. The ceremonies were led by Chief Justice Harry Olsen [Swede].

The Brotherhood has eighteen thousand members throughout the United States. The national president of the Brotherhood is also the district president of the Chicago lodges, R. C. Hansen, [Dane].

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 22, 1914.

SCANDINAVIAN WOMEN'S BURIAL SOCIETY

The First Scandinavian Women's Burial Society celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary last night at Northwest Hall. This is one of the few societies that have been able to "keep going".

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NEW NORWAY BENEFIT SOCIETY

The New Norway Sick and Death Benefit Society held its first meeting of the new year last night. Mrs. Marie Zinow, the newly elected president, presided. The Society's doctor, Hela Rund, talked on the subject of health and sanitation, stating that cleanliness and sanitation do more to maintain the health of the people than any other factor.

This Society has again elected delegates to the Norwegian National League. The delegates elected were Mrs. Hanna Wilson and Mrs. Mathilda Thorse.

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WHITE STAR BURIAL SOCIETY

The White Star Burial Society has grown tremendously since its organization. It is a women's group, and we must give the ladies credit for their work in behalf of the Society. The returning president, Kate Mathison, presided at the first meeting of the new year, when the new executive board was installed. The new president is Amelia Borgstrom and the treasurer is Amelia Snartz.

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BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Sick Benefit and Aid Society celebrated its twentieth anniversary last night at the Bethlehem Church. Mr. Haakon Thompson presided. The guest of honor was Professor J. N. Kildahl, president of St. Olaf College. The Society was organized twenty years ago with a membership of thirty-five. The constitution committee consisted of Reverend J. N. Kildahl, Lars Olsen, Abraham Johnson, and Hans Tvedt. The first executive board consisted of Reverend Kildahl, Hans Tvedt, Haakon Thompson and Abraham Johnson. The Society was incorporated on March 22, 1897.

The purpose of the Society is to pay sick and death benefits to its members. Needy members receive aid from the Society.

The Society has 120 members at present. During the twenty years of its existence, the Society has paid out \$10,040.10; the cash on hand at present is \$420.26.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 30, 1913.

NEW NORWAY BENEFIT SOCIETY

The New Norway Women's Sick Benefit Society celebrated its seventh anniversary with a bazaar. The Society has more than doubled its membership in the last year.

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KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Aftenstjernen (Evening Star) Lodge, Daughters of the Knights of the White Cross, held an entertaining and instructive program last Friday evening at Spaulding Hall. Eidsvold Dramatic Club produced the humorous farce, "Klokke Ling paa Frierfod" (Bellringer Link Goes Acourting).....

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 16, 1913.

[SCANDINAVIAN WOMEN'S BURIAL SOCIETY] CELEBRATES
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

The First Scandinavian Women's Burial Society celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary last Tuesday with their regular annual conference, followed by a festival. Mrs. Anna Berg presided at the conference.

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The annual report was as follows:

Dues payments	\$3,054.24
Cash on hand, January 1, 1912	29.44
Cash in bank	561.87
Interest on mortgage	225.25

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Loans to members	\$ 312.63
Loans on mortgages	2,800.00
Stock in Mt. Olive Cemetery	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$7,898.11 [sic]
Expenses for 1912	<u>3,250.05</u>
Assets	\$4,648.06
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Scandia, Feb. 1, 1913.

MEMORANDUM

[GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY]

Nora No. 1. lodge of the Knights of the White Cross, oldest Norwegian lodge in America, celebrated its 50th anniversary on Thursday, January 30th, at Dania Hall. The elaborate banquet and ball were enjoyed by over 250 members and friends.

The genial Dr. Doe was the speaker of the evening; being a member of not only Nora No. 1, but of a number of other Norwegian and American organizations, he was the one best-fitted for this part of the program. Dr. Doe gave a very interesting review of the history of the lodge during its 50 years of activity, and to say the work done by Nora was a surprising revelation.

Other speakers during the evening included: Consul Taugan, Mr. H. C. Hansen, Mr. Svend Pedersen, L. Grundel, and Dr. De Beschi of Milwaukee, Wis.



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Of course, the Nornerian male chorus was on hand to entertain. Following the banquet, there was dancing to excellent music until nearly dawn.



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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NORA LODGE

The oldest Norwegian society, Nora Lodge, Knights of the White Cross, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary last Thursday at Dania Hall. About 250 people attended. [Names of celebrities who attended the celebration are omitted in translation.]

Mr. Svend Pedersen, High Noble of the Knights, introduced Dr. Anders Doe, the main speaker of the evening. Dr. Doe pointed out that one of the charter members of Nora was present, Ole T. Birkeland, and requested the guests to rise in honor of the eighty-year-old organizer. The Doctor spoke of the time when Nora had presented the Norwegian Fifteenth Wisconsin Regiment with its regimental colors. He pointed to the banner, which had been placed over the stage, and remarked, "The holes we see in that banner were made by bullets meant for a fighting Norwegian, but a miss is as big as a mile. Though many fell at the historic battle of Chikemagou [sic], a number of the old fighters are here to tell of that great day....."

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Dr. Doe closed by saying that the "Aften Posten (Evening Post) in Christiania already had the complete story of tonight's festival. I wrote them a month ago; you see, I knew what would happen here tonight. No scoop for Scandia."

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NORA LODGE

The Nora Lodge of the Knights of the White Cross celebrated its 50th anniversary in Kedzie Hall, Kedzie and North Avenues.

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Scandia, Jan. 11, 1913.

[OLDEST NORWEGIAN LODGE IN AMERICA]

Nora Lodge of the Knights of the White Cross, the oldest Norwegian lodge in America, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Jan. 30. The lodge began its social activities in 1861, and in Jan. 30, 1863, was granted a charter to operate as a fraternal insurance society, thus, becoming the cornerstone of the strongest Norwegian fraternal order in America. The second local was organized in Milwaukee, Wis.

At the end of the Civil War, the silk flag made and presented by Norwegian women of Chicago to the famous Norwegian regiment, the 15th Wisconsin infantry commanded by Col. Hegg, was given to Nora for preservation. Many world famous characters have been guests of Nora since its organization, among

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them the Norwegian violinist Ole Bull, and Jenny Lind. Many of the most prominent members of the Chicago Norwegian colony have been members of Nora, and hundreds of others have been at various times its honored guests.

Today, due to the Norwegians being scattered all over the city, Nora has only 110 members; former members have been transferred to locals nearer their present homes. At present the Dovre local is the strongest one in membership, although Nora retains the distinction of being the parent lodge.

A banquet will be held on Jan. 30 at Dania Hall, at which the president of the Grand Lodge Sons of Norway will be the main speaker. Dr. Anders Doe will also speak at this banquet.

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[N.P.S.A. CONVENTION ENDS]

The final session of the convention of the Norwegian Pioneer Society of America consisted of a banquet at Bjorgvin's Hall last Wednesday evening. The discouragement of the first day, when there had been talk of discontinuing the bi-annual conventions, had entirely disappeared; and the boyish enthusiasm of the old-timers left no doubt as to whether the meeting would be continued.....

The speakers at the banquet were: Judge Torrison, toastmaster; Dr. A. Doe, Senator Thorpe, Mr. Malaas, Dr. Marloe, Knud Henderson, and Birger Osland.

Our intimate acquaintance with these speakers and their ideals leaves no doubt in our mind that the injection of renewed interest administered by them will keep these people awake to the possibilities of the society, far beyond the two years ere the next convention.

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[NORWEGIAN PIONEERS CONVENTION]

The Norwegian Pioneer Association of America will hold its annual convention in Chicago, October 30th and 31st. Old Norwegian settlers from the entire country will gather to greet old friends, make new ones, and plan for the future of the organization. The business meetings will be held in the Humboldt Park assembly hall, but as the exact number of guests is still unknown, the time and place for the banquet cannot be given yet.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 9, 1912.

DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

The Anna Kolbjornsdatter Lodge (No. 36) of the Daughters of Norway celebrated its second anniversary last Saturday evening at Weneeda Hall, 5039 West Chicago Avenue. An excellent music program was heard, and several lectures were delivered.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Aug. 19, 1912.

KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of the White Cross opened today. P. C. Wold, of Chicago, was elected Archduke. C. Trones, of Chicago, was elected Arch-Treasurer.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 31, 1912.

KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The building committee of the Knights of the White Cross held a successful summer festival yesterday. The purpose of the festival was to raise funds for a new building.....A few affairs like this, and the Order will soon be able to realize its dreams.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 9, 1912.

DAUGHTERS OF KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Evening Star Women's Lodge No. 4, R. H. K., was organized on June 21 at a meeting in Wabansia Hall. Grand Duke Carl Salvesen, with the assistance of the members of the Grand Lodge, conferred the Order's degree upon the 109 ladies of the new Lodge. The names of these 109 ladies were inscribed on the charter of the Lodge as charter members.

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II D 1Scandia, May 17, 1912.LOCAL SOCIETY/FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY/

The town's benevolent society, which celebrated its 15th anniversary on Saturday, May 11th, at the local hall. The society has members over 30 members, and has during its long history done much good, especially large sums in funeral benefits, and also in other ways. The society has also been outstanding in its efforts.

A large number of people, including many from the local community, were present to hear C. Scandia's address on the occasion.

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April, Apr. 27, 1917.

[ANNOUNCE ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL]

Dear Mr. Bauwens: The Organ of the Order of the Spring Festival to be held
on April 27, 1917, will be held on April 27, 1917, at the same time and place as last year.
Except for the Good Leaders, this is the only year that holds festivals with-
out the aid of the Order, as it is forbidden by the laws of the Order. This
organization does not wish to be a part of it; all its activities draw capacity
crowds. Tickets are sold by the Order, and are sold at a low price.

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Scandia, Mar. 23, 1912.

MEMORIAL

[FIFTH ANNIVERSARY]

The Norge (No. 1000), a Norwegian ladies' benevolent society, celebrated its fifth anniversary at Scandia Hall on March 15th. The committee had arranged a very good musical program by Sverre Rian, Miss Thea Olsen and Miss Jenny Torrison. The society now numbers seventy members, and during its five years of existence, it has paid out \$775.00 in sick and funeral benefits. A tasty lunch was served and all were well pleased with the entire evening.

Scandia, Mar. 9, 1918.

[KNIGHTS OF WHITE CROSS DEDICATE NEW QUARTERS]

Leif Erikson Lodge, No. 9, R. H. K. (Knights of the White Cross), dedicated its new quarters in Eagle Hall Tuesday evening. A number of visitors from other lodges, and the officers of the Supreme Lodge attended, making the affair a numerical and social success. On Sunday, March 17, Leif Erikson lodge will celebrate its twenty-seventh anniversary with a banquet and dance at Spaulding Hall.

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Scandia, Mar. 2, 1912.

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/THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND/

"Barnevennen" (The Children's Friend) has arranged a concert to be held at Bjorgvin's Hall, at 3 P.M. on March 10th. The "Friend" is now thirteen years old, and has done wonderful work for the children of our local orphanage and for many poor children outside the home; Scandia urges all, who possibly can, to attend the concert in support of this worthy cause.

The proceeds of the concert will be used to purchase an electric bread-making machine for the home.

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Scandia, Feb. 17, 1912.

[JONAS LIE LODGE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY]

It is a self-evident fact that the Sons of Norway is to be an excellent instrument for gathering the Norwegians of Austin. Our countrymen of Austin have, up to the present time, been somewhat isolated from Chicago's Norwegian colony and, while Austin visitors in Chicago have been frequent, this is the first time a large number have visited Austin at one time.

A group of Austin Norwegians had decided to organize a lodge of the Sons of Norway and Jonas Lie Lodge is the result. The occasion was the third anniversary of the Lodge and was attended by over 250 members and friends. Three tables, each nearly the length of the hall, and another across the entire front (the table for the speaker and special guests) were loaded with good Norwegian food. The wonderful food and a very good program combined to make this a gala occasion indeed. The hall and tables were attractively decorated, Norwegian and American flags lent a festive atmosphere, and the Norwegian music, well played by L. Haugan's orchestra, put the finishing touch to a real Norwegian festival.

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Consul Rove, who came from Milwaukee to attend this meeting, said he felt exactly as he had felt many times in Norway when, on May 17, he and other children had marched, sung, and celebrated the entire day. Other speakers during the evening were Mr. Finn Mohn, president of Jonas Lie Lodge, Christ Andersen, past president, and Dr. Warlor, who spoke for Norway.

Jonas Lie Lodge has made an excellent beginning and, if one may judge from the enthusiasm of this birthday gathering, our Chicago locals of the Sons of Norway will have to look to their laurels or young Jonas Lie Lodge will leave them far behind.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 30, 1912.

THE BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society held its eighteenth annual meeting last Monday evening in Bethlehem Church, Springfield Avenue and Iowa Street.

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The president, Mr. Haakon Thompson, reported that a total of \$718.50 had been paid out during the year--\$368.50 in sick benefits and \$350 in death benefits for five deaths.

The treasurer submitted the following report:

Cash on hand, 1910	\$563.13
Received from dues, 1911	566.89
	<u>\$1,130.02</u>
Paid out in benefits	718.50
cash on hand, 1911	<u>\$411.52</u>

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The financial secretary reported the present membership to be 110. During the eighteen years of the Society's existence it has paid out \$7,677.60 in sick benefits and \$1,400 in burial aid--twenty funerals at \$70 each. Total benefits thus amounted to \$9,077.60.

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Scandia, Dec. 23, 1911.

[CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES]

p.1.. "Nordlyset", (The Northern Light) Sick Benefit Society, believes in the old Norwegian manner of celebrating the Christmas holidays; starting early and lasting two weeks. They started this Christmas observance on Saturday, Dec. 16th, with a card party, and lunch. Attorney Lasse Grundeland was the speaker of the evening, and several of the members contributed vocal and instrumental numbers. The entire program was so patterned after the old Norse custom that all who attended almost felt that they had had a bit of the real Norway.

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Scandia, Dec. 10, 1911.

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[SOCIAL]

p.8.col.3..."Anna Kolbjornsdatter," lodge of the "Daughters of Norway," held its first social evening on Saturday, Dec. 3. The affair was a success in every way and was fittingly rated a worthy supplement to the "Bjornstjerne-Bjornson" recent gathering. We are pleased to announce the commendable decision by both these lodges that liquors are to be barred from all social gatherings, and that such affairs are to be strictly for members and their families only. This decision is based upon the aim of making and keeping the sick benefit fund self-supporting. These two lodges are numerically the largest in their respective sections of the "Sons" and "Daughters", and the steadily increasing membership of both is evidence of the popularity of the organization.

Scandia, Oct. 28, 1911.

[THE KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS]

Ridderne (Knights), as they are familiarly known, naturally bring to mind lances, epaulettes, armor, and mysticism, and we expected to meet a lot of graybeards and baldheads when we recently attended a social evening at the Knights of the White Cross hall. Instead we found youth, vim, and vigor, with appetites (revealed at the banquet board) as ravenous as our own. Here was assembled the flower of Norwegian-American young people. When we asked officers and members about rumors that the Knights were to be absorbed by the stronger Sons of Norway we were emphatically informed that only the older (age-weakened) lodges of the Knights were transferring to the other order. The younger locals scorned the idea, and from what we could observe, their optimism as to the future of the Knights is well founded.

The hall was thronged with vigorous, vital youth that thoroughly enjoyed a mixed program of song, music, recitation, and professional dancing. Dry speeches

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were canned for the occasion, and this helped make it an evening of unmixt joy. A sumptuous banquet and dancing to music by a really good ten-piece dance orchestra rounded out the largest and best social session the Knights had ever held. The Knights will offer another such pleasure treat at the Northwest Hall on November 4, for which much is promised.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 25, 1911.

NORA LODGE

Nora Lodge No. 1, Knights of the White Cross, the oldest Norwegian Lodge in the United States, gave a sexa [fish dinner] for its members last Wednesday evening, at its headquarters, corner of North and Western Avenues. Quite a number of Knights attended, although many of the members were absent because the Norwegian Singing Society, to which many of Nora's members belong held its annual concert on the same evening.

After the business meeting, a table was served in the hall; there was an abundance of the usual smorrebrod [Scandinavian sandwiches]. Mr. Abraham Haugan welcomed the guests, and informed the members and guests that the affair was given in honor of two of the oldest and most active members of the Lodge, members who joined twenty-five years ago, in 1886. Captain L. J. Johnson said a few words for the guests of honor, Henry Tolzien and David Benson, who were

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then carried through the hall in a "chair of gold," while the members sang
"Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" (Yes, We Love the Land That Towers).

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Scandia, Oct. 7, 1911.

ULABRAND CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday the Ulabrand Society celebrated its seventh anniversary with a banquet at Wabansia Hall.

The society's orchestra opened the evening's entertainment with a short, well-played concert. Miss Middleton sang several new Norwegian songs, with Miss Jenny Thoresen at the piano as accompanist; she was enthusiastically applauded. Miss Thea Olsen pleased the audience with her excellently played violin solos and her recitations of several of Per Sivle's popular compositions. Mr. Ericksen Frank, inevitable promoter of mirth, had the guests on the verge of hysterics with his comic stories and ballads.

Mr. Abraham Abrahamsen, as toastmaster, presented Mr. Olof Bernts, of the Norwegian consulate, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Bernts spoke for Norway and the Norwegian-American colony. Mr. Losse Grundeland spoke for



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Ulabrand, reviewing shortly the history and work of the society. After this, several other members and guests were called on. All spoke of the pleasure and benefit they had derived from their membership in the society, and predicted a successful future for the organization.

Ulabrand has done good work in our colony, though little publicity and no high-pressure advertising has announced its various gatherings. "Still waters run deep."



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Scandia, Sept. 25, 1911.

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PROGRESSIVE CLUB BACKS THE PIONEERS SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Progressive Club took its annual outing on Sunday September 17, traveling by auto to the Half Way Inn at Morton Park. The motorcade left the corner of Humboldt and Logan Boulevards and carried a group of Chicago's pioneer Norwegians. Business and professional men, whose names have been familiar to all Chicago for many years, had gathered to make this trip not only an outing but, in a sense, a reunion of old friends, a list too long to report completely.

At the dinner, which was served by the Half Way Inn, Captain Michelsen spoke of the Norwegian Pioneers' Society and suggested that this group be invited to organize in Chicago, pledging the backing of the Progressive Club. Applicants for membership in the Pioneers must be Norwegian and have lived in America at least forty years. H. Johnson, A. Johnson, H. Stoltenberg, and Olaf Roy were among the speakers at the dinner. All four favored the Pioneers for Chicago.

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Scandia, Sept. 16, 1911.

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/NORA LODGE SERVES FISH SUPPER/

p.8...Nora lodge No. 1, Knights of the White Cross, is the oldest local in the entire order. On Wednesday they served a fish supper in their hall at North and Western Avenues. Several other locals sent representatives and the spirit of comradeship ruled the day. Mr. Solvesen, Arch Knight, has recently organized Nordkap lodge in New York City, and B. Pedersen represented that lodge at the supper.

Nora lodge will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding in another two years.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 14, 1911.

SONS OF NORWAY

The first district of the Sons of Norway held their annual conference last week.

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There were 115 lodges represented at the conference. It was reported that 1,383 new members had joined the various lodges....during the year. No Chicago lodges are represented on the district committee this year.

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Scandia, May 6, 1911.

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[DOTRE OF NORGE]

p.3.....Dotre of Norge (Daughters of Norway organized a new lodge "Nornen" No. 41 on Tuesday April 25. The local was organized by President Anna Moen of Evanston (president of the D. of M. Grand Lodge). The new lodge starts out with a pleasingly large membership and have the best of prospects growing to become one of the largest locals in the order.

Several members of the "Chicago Sons of Norway" were present at the installation, and President Goles of "Skjold" Lodge No. 100, S. of N. brought the good wishes of the brother lodges and wished "Nornen" success in the undertaking.

The new lodge will take an active part in Evanston's May 17th festival and Scandia wishes them the best of luck with the affair, although this years celebration of "Syttende Mai" (May 17th) is to be more of a religious festival then usual.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 27, 1911.

DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

A new lodge of the Daughters of Norway was organized by the supreme president, Mrs. Anna Mohn. Its name is to be "Valhalla Lodge No. 2". The following officers were elected and installed: Mrs. P. G. Fingaard, president; Mrs. Olaus Olsen, vice-president; Miss Astrid Gundersen, recording secretary; Miss Laura Andersen, financial secretary. Ten others were named for various minor offices. Skjold Lodge No. 10, Sons of Norway, were guests of the Valhalla Lodge.

Scandia, Apr. 15, 1911.

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[KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS]

p.2.....Members of "Dovre" Lodge No. 18, "R.H.K." (Knights of the White Cross) who attended the regular meeting on April 6, when a class of six novices had been initiated into the mysteries of knighthood, were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Carl Calvesen, arch-knight Albert Johnson and B. Pedersen, prominent officers of "Nordkap" No. 30, New York City. The refreshment committee was busy preparing a nice lunch when surprise number two appeared. An octette from the Norwegian Glee Club burst into full throated song that put every one into a real joyful mood after which all felt and thoroughly enjoyed the tasty sandwiches and coffee, generously and efficiently served. The visiting knights were then introduced by J.O.Tingstad, Supreme Knight of "Dovre" Lodge and included were Carl Salvesen, Albert Johnson, Louis Nelson and B. Petersen. Alternating with the speeches were songs by the octette and solos rounding out an evening of pleasure and instruction that was thoroughly enjoyed by both members and visitors.

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Scandia, Feb. 18, 1911.

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p.8.....Jonas Lie lodge of the "Sons of Norway" celebrated its 19th anniversary at Holters Hall, Austin, on Friday, February 10. Tasty sandwiches (in abundance) and coffee were served, and in accordance with the rules of the Sons of Norway nothing in the way of intoxicating liquors was served.

Mr. Ray spoke for "Jonas Lie," and Ben Blessum for Norway. Mr. Anderson, president of the lodge presided during the evening, and the entire program was clean cut and pleasing.

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THE BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society held its seventeenth annual meeting last Monday in the Bethlehem Church, Central Avenue and Huron Street. The president, Haakon Thompson, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

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In the past year, twenty-eight sick claims, totaling \$495, and burial assistance amounting to \$140 were paid--that is, a total of \$635 in benefits.

Treasurer's Report

Income:

Cash on hand, January 1, 1910	\$655.70
Dues received for the year	566.59
Interest on bank deposits	<u>15.74</u>
Total receipts	\$1,238.03

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Disbursements:

Sick benefits	\$495.00
Burial aid	140.00
Miscellaneous expenses	39.90
Total disbursements	<u>\$674.90</u>
Cash on hand, January, 1911	563.13
Total	<u>\$1,238.03</u>

On January 1, 1911, the Society had a membership of fifty-one men and eighty women. Since the organization of the Society, \$7,311.10 has been paid out in sick benefits, and \$1,050 in burial aid--a total of \$8,360.10

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Aug. 19, 1910.

KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Knights of the White Cross held their convention this week in the Workers' Lyceum, Fairfield Avenue and Hirsch Street. One of the points of discussion was: "Shall the Lodge be called Scandinavian or Norwegian?" This caused quite a lively and lengthy debate, the general sentiment being that it should be Norwegian. As will be remembered, the Workers' Lyceum is the property of the old and militant Karl Marx Club. In this hall most of our progressive and revolutionary organizations were born.

The meeting was called to order by Carl Salvesen, the Archduke, who welcomed the delegates from all over North America. The secretary had prepared a list of the lodges and proceeded with the roll call. The Chicago lodges were represented as follows:

Nora Lodge No. 1: A. Hauen, Albert Johnson, and C. H. Hansen;

Leif Ericson Lodge No. 9: Sam Larsen, John A. Pedersen, and L. C. Olsen;

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Tordenskjold Lodge No. 15: Louis Jensen and Nils Eriksen;

Dovre Lodge No. 18: O. C. Wold, J. O. Thingstad, S. Troness, and Dr. N. A. Unseth;

Wergeland Lodge No. 24: Carl Salvesen;

Harald Haarfager Lodge No. 27: Olaf C. Torstensen;

Columbia Lodge No. 24: William M. Nelson.

The Archduke reported that the national membership was one thousand. But he pointed out that the increase was particularly due to the efforts of the last executive. Three new lodges have been organized, one in Milwaukee, and two in Chicago.

During the first day of the convention, only organizational questions were raised.

Standarden (Daily Edition), Mar. 8, 1910.

MINDA LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Minda (Remembrance) Ladies Aid Society recently celebrated its nineteenth anniversary in Wicker Park Hall. The president, Mrs. Valborg Lund, opened the meeting, speaking briefly on the success of the Society. Mrs. Lund has been president for nine consecutive years. [This Society pays out funeral benefits only.]

The assets of the Society include: cash in the bank, \$1,161.03; **loans** on property, \$1,500; and cash on hand, \$78.02--a total of \$2,739.04.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 1, 1910.

BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY



The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society was held yesterday in the Bethlehem Church, corner of North Center Avenue and West Huron Street. The vice-chairman called the meeting to order and pointed out that although the Society had been fairly active, there was much room for improvement. The secretary then followed with his report.

The report of the financial secretary was as follows:

Cash on hand, January 1, 1909.	\$ 592.68
Dues collected for 1909.578.65
Interest on bank deposits.16.46
	<u>\$1,187.79</u>
 Paid out in sick benefits in 1909.	 \$495.00
Miscellaneous expenses.	37.00
Cash on hand, January 1, 1910.655.79
	<u>\$1,187.79</u>

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The total membership on January 1, 1910, was 133.



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KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

Last Wednesday the Knights of the White Cross marched into Pullman and quickly organized a lodge.

The archduke, Mr. Carl Salvesen, led the Knights in their march. The leading Knights who attacked Pullman were: Svend Pedersen, Albert Johnson, Dr. Magnus Undseth, Dr. H.C. Hansen, and J. Stensland.

They were met at the station by O.J. Fjeldseth, who took them to the Oluf Torstesen Hall.

Afterwards, the Knights spent an exciting night in celebrating the conquering of the city.

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SOCIETY BETHESDA

The Society held its yearly meeting in Zion's Church, last Thursday.

It was reported that the membership had increased from 79 to 119, and that the Society had purchased two lots, at a cost of \$1,650.

The financial secretary's report is as follows:

Subscriptions.	\$3,041.51
Dues.	222.75
7th of June Festival.	16.50
Dime banks.	66.00
Norwegian supper.	60.00
Total	<u>\$3,406.76</u>

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The treasurer's report is as follows:

Cash on hand.	\$1,609.82
From financial secretary.	3,406.76
Interest collected.	51.63
Total	<u>\$5,068.21</u>
Total expenses, 1909	<u>2,199.27</u>
	2,868.94

Disposition of Cash on Hand

Deposited in bank.	\$2,741.12
<u>Unlisted</u>	22.57
Loaned to various people	100.00
Sick Benefit Society	3.00
On hand.	<u>2.25</u>
Total	<u>\$2,868.94</u>

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Building Fund

Cash on hand.	\$2,346.01
Books (collection).	65.00
Subscriptions.	<u>1,253.50</u>
Total	\$3,664.51

New members, 33.

Outstanding subscriptions, Jan. 1, 1909.	\$ 324.00
New subscriptions.	<u>1,253.50</u>
Total	\$1,577.50

Paid in.	<u>659.00</u>
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1910.	\$ 918.50

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KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The Knights of the White Cross have decided to gather the English-speaking Norsemen into its fold, and this month they are organizing an English-speaking lodge. The ceremony will take place at Scholl Hall, North and Central Park Avenues. After the Lodge has been organized and the officers elected, a reception will be held. The committee elected to take care of the installation and reception is busily at work.

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FIRST SCANDINAVIAN WOMEN'S BURIAL SOCIETY

The Women Have Done Fine Work

At its last meeting, the First Scandinavian Women's Burial Society installed its new board of directors. The new board was not "new", however, for all of the incumbent officers were re-elected. Mrs. Marie Halvorsen, assisted by Mrs. Berg, officiated at the installation because the senior president of the Society, Mrs. Christine Christoffersen, was unable to attend. This was the first time during the thirty-one and a half years of the Society's existence that Mrs. Christoffersen had been absent from an installation ceremony of the Society.

After the installation ceremony, musical entertainment was provided by the Helve sisters, who played violin and piano selections. Miss Madsen and Miss Bensen sang; there was also singing by twenty of the children from the Norwegian Orphanage. Ice Cream, coffee and sandwiches were sold, the proceeds going to the Norwegian Orphanage Society.

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The attendance was excellent: the large Northwest Hall, 692-694 West North Avenue, was filled to capacity. During the meeting, the secretary, Mrs. Anna Bergesen, read an extensive report covering the activities of the Society.

On January 1, the Society had 605 members; during the first half of the present year eighteen new members were admitted, so that the present membership numbers 623. Eight members died during the first half of the year. In cases of death the Society pays \$200 to the surviving family, and, in addition, pays for flowers and meets the cost of carriages for the board of directors.

During the first half of the year, \$1,514.37 was received in membership fees. Income from other sources amounted to \$154. The income for the period, plus a treasury balance of \$780.24 makes a grand total of \$2,448.61. Expenses during the half-year period were \$1,940.62. The trustees were paid \$150, so that \$357.99 remains in the treasury.

The financial status of the Society is as follows:

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Cash in treasury	\$357.99
Cash receivable	203.79
Loans to members	435.63
Stock in Mt. Olive Cemetery	\$500.00
Mortgages	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total	\$3,097.41
Cash in bank	<u>273.00</u>
Grand total	\$3,370.41

The First Scandinavian Women's Burial Society was founded on February 12, 1879 by nine women, three of whom are still living. These three are Mrs. Christine Christoffersen and her two daughters, Misses Kittie and Arvine Christoffersen. Mrs. Christoffersen was repeatedly elected president of the Society for twenty-five years. She is now eighty-four years old; yet she has invariably been present at the meetings, burials, etc.

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During the past thirty years there have been 227 deaths in the Society, and no less than \$22,750 has been paid as burial aid. The Society has always endeavored to assist its members when they have needed help; it has also extended aid to the Norwegian Orphanage on various occasions.

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HUMBOLDT TENT K. O. T. M.

Humboldt Tent #26, K. O. T. M., at its last meeting received 135 new members at Northwest Hall, 692 West North Avenue.

The Lodge now numbers 2200 members, three fourths of whom are Scandinavians.

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After the meeting a banquet was held, three hundred of the members participating. Honorable D. P. Markey was guest of honor. Dr. G. M. Schaubel was toastmaster.

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MINDE DEATH BENEFIT SOCIETY CELEBRATES
EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Minde (Remembrance) Ladies Society celebrated its eighteenth anniversary last Tuesday at Wicker Park Hall. 150 members and their friends were present. After a brief business session, the president made a speech of welcome and then introduced Mrs. Rund who delivered a speech about women, their conditions in Norway and in America, women's suffrage and their position compared with that of men.

Miss Rund has just returned from a long visit to Norway. While in Norway she lectured in a number of places. She is a good speaker and reaped thunderous applause. After her speech, Mrs. Theiser, the marshal of the Society presented her with a bouquet of flowers. She also presented bouquets to the president and the vice-president.

The secretary of the Society read her report as follows:



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The Minde Ladies Society was organized in March 5, 1891, eighteen years ago today, by four ladies, Mrs. Anna Jorgensen being the leader; she was also President of the Society for a while. Afterwards one of the other ladies, Mrs. Back, was elected president. Both of these ladies have since died. Mrs. Rasmussen has been the president of Minde for a while.

Mrs. Lund, our present president, has served the Society faithfully for the past seven years; she was elected president on January 2, 1902. She can rejoice in watching the steady progress of the Society; since she became the leader the increase in membership has been great. She has been laboring faithfully, and we hope to retain her long as our president.

Besides Mrs. Lund, the Society has also had other women workers of note. Of these, I believe Mrs. Sophie Olsen has been longest in the harness....but Mrs. Gina Iiseng and Mrs. Linda Nilsen are probably the hardest workers besides those mentioned before.



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Mrs. Linda Nilsen is now our oldest member; in May she will have been a member for eighteen years. There are also a few others who have been in the work since the early years of the Society....

During the eighteen years of its existence, Minde has had nineteen deaths; in 1895 there were four deaths, in connection with each of which the Society paid seventy-five dollars. In 1897 there was one death. In that case, too, the payment was seventy-five dollars. In 1900 there again was one death. This time the payment made was \$100, and on March 5, 1909, that is, when the Society was ten years old, it was decided to raise the amount of death payments to \$125. At that time Minde had 130 members and \$1,175.56 in its treasury. Since that time the amount of the death payments have been raised again and again until now the amount paid on the death of a member is \$200.

At present Minde, eighteen years old, has 232 members, and at the last accounting had \$2,665.32 in the treasury, \$1,600 of which is placed in mortgages.

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The monthly fee of the Society is, as always, fifteen cents per month, with the exception that every fourth month the fee is twenty cents. There are now no extra assessments. The regular assessment on the death of a member is, as from the beginning, fifty cents.

Mrs. Linda Nilsen, the oldest member of the Society, was decorated with the "star" of the Society, a golden pin. After this, to the tunes of a march, the members and their friends proceeded to the dining hall where the tables were loaded with delectable dishes which were duly attacked and enjoyed. There was general agreement that the social had been most successful.



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FRATERNAL INSURANCE

The Illinois General Assembly is considering the question of fraternal insurance, and the lawgivers are finding that it presents a riddle that is by no means easy to solve. As we know, there is in this country a very large number of societies that insure their members on the so-called assessment plan; that is, the insured individual does not pay a definite annual premium for his policy large enough to cover the actual cost of the insurance. When a member dies, however, each member of the society is assessed and the total assessment is large enough to pay the policy of the deceased member. As stated before, there is a large number of such societies in America, and no less than one hundred and fifty in Illinois. One of the largest societies, the Modern Woodmen, was organized in Illinois.

Several of these societies are now in difficulties, and the attention of

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the legislature has been directed to the matter which concerns millions of homes in this country. The Ancient Order of United Workmen is one of the societies that is unable to meet its obligations. According to the latest report to the Department of Insurance in Illinois, this society owed \$158,000 in insurance claims and was unable to pay. There is not much hope here for the widows and orphans to whom this money is owed. The United Workmen have lost six hundred members during the past thirteen months and have gained only thirteen new members. In other words, the requirements for money to pay to policyholders is constantly increasing while the number of those who are to pay the amounts is constantly decreasing. The Modern Woodmen and many other societies are in a similar position.

The officers of a number of societies have realized that things are going badly and have tried to have rules amended so as to make the policy payments higher. As a rule, however, the members have opposed such increase in their expenses, and that is the end.

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It has been held that the legislature ought to take this matter in hand so as to fix a minimum premium large enough to safeguard the insured, and that the state ought to supervise these societies in the same way that it supervises the regular insurance companies. Insurance Commissioner Potter, however, advises against this. He holds that it ought to be left to the societies or to the members themselves to solve their difficulties. He also believes that the legislature should not eradicate the difference between the regular insurance companies and the assessment societies. On the contrary, he says, this difference should be accentuated as much as possible in order that people may become fully aware of what they are doing when buying life insurance.

Governor Deneen, in his message to the legislature, recommended that there be arranged a "test of solvency" for assessment societies, the rules to be prescribed by law. Under such a law the Department of Insurance would be able to take proper steps in time to prevent a fraternal insurance

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society from reaching such a state of insolvency as to get beyond restitution.

The question is of great interest to millions of homes, and most of those who are directly concerned are people who can ill afford to lose their money. Many people informed in these matters hold that this type of insurance is insecure. On their initial stage these societies prosper; deaths are few, and there is a great accession of new members. But as deaths begin to increase in number, many of the members withdraw and the number of new members is low. Finally there are mostly old people left, and their surviving families get nothing when their providers die, although the latter had been paying the required assessments regularly from the very beginning or, at any rate, for a number of years.

A few years ago Skandinaven presented the result of a critical investigation of these societies by an expert. The author had studied the list of

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societies of the type mentioned, which had ceased to exist. He found that the average length of life of such societies had been fifteen years.

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NORDFALLES LODGE CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
Richest Scandinavian Society on the West Side

The Nordfalles (United North) Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on February 24 with a most pleasant social in the hall of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 17, Hirsch Street and Fairfield Avenue. Nearly all of the one hundred and sixty members of the Lodge, and many of their friends, gathered for the festive occasion. An atmosphere of pleasant friendliness prevailed throughout, and this, in addition to the excellent program presented, seemed to give wings to time. Before the guests even suspected it, the hour of midnight had arrived, and it was necessary to think about going home.

In addition to its being the anniversary celebration, the occasion had been taken to remember the past president, Mr. John Wennberg; he was presented with a handsome easy chair and a few other things by the financial secretary of the Lodge and the master of ceremonies of the evening, Mr. John Hansen. Mr. Wennberg

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expressed his most cordial thanks for the gift in words appropriate to the occasion.

The social proper started about 8:30 P. M. when the president, Andrew Anderson, welcomed the guests on behalf of the committee on arrangements and the Lodge. Almost at the same moment, orchestral music was heard in the lobby, and as the doors were opened the Liberty Band, led by Charles Mergard, came marching into the hall to the tune of "Sonner af Norge" (Sons of Norway), while the audience arose and applauded. This excellent orchestra played for quite a while. Selections by Mr. Olaf Schow, violinist, and Frida Larsen, pianist, then followed.

The heroine of the evening, however, was Mildred Miller, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, 1184 Rockwell Street. Scarcely six years old, she recites in such a delightful manner that many of the grown-ups would be unable to match her liveliness and ready expression. Her voice is clear and soft;

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she speaks so clearly and with such perfect pronunciation that there is hardly a fault to find, and her mimicry is excellent.

She also rendered two vocal solos, and the audience enjoyed her singing as much as her recitations; it was difficult to still the continuous demands for encores. Twice, little Hilared had to repeat her recitations. She seemed to be at home in every medium she essayed. Now it was a humorous story which made the audience shout with laughter; now it was a sad occurrence presented in such a way as to bring the audience to tears.

Among the others who contributed to the success of the social may be mentionedthe Humboldt Ladies' quartet....which was rewarded with thunderous applause for its most excellent singing.... It is doubtful if there is another Scandinavian ladies' quartet in all Chicago to compare with the Humboldt.

The Nordfalles Lodge, now twenty-five years old, is one of the richest societies

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among Scandinavians in Chicago. Over the years the Lodge has paid more than nine thousand dollars in sick aid, three thousand dollars for medical aid, and about two thousand five hundred dollars in the form of insurance to the families of deceased members. At present, the Society has funds in its treasury amounting to about two thousand dollars.

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NORWEGIAN AND DANISH SOCIETIES

The Leif Eriksson Lodge meets at Danish Brotherhood Hall, 315-317 Hirsch Street, on the first and the third Thursdays of every month at 8 P. M....

Norrøna Lodge No. 11, I. O. G. T., meets every Friday evening at 917 West North Avenue....

Tordenskjold Lodge No. 20, I. O. G. T., meets every Thursday at 8 P. M. in Bowes Hall, Noble and West Erie Streets.

Kamp og Seier (War and Victory) Lodge No. 23, I. O. G. T., meets every first and third Thursday at 8 P. M. in Columbia Hall, corner of West North Avenue and Lincoln Street.

Henrik Ibsen Lodge No. 27, I. O. G. T., meets every Sunday at 6:30 P. M. in Flynn's Hall, 461 West North Avenue.

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Haakon Lodge No. 20, I. O. G. T., meets every Sunday evening at 8 P. M. in Columbia Hall, 406 West North Avenue.

Unge Norge (Young Norway) childrens' Lodge meets every Sunday afternoon from 5 to 7 at 917 West North Avenue.

Norwegian District Lodge of Illinois--Scandinavian Great Lodge of I. O. G. T.'s office, Chicago, furnishes information concerning the work of the District Lodge, and directs the organization of new lodges in the state.

Normania Tent Lodge No. 264, K. O. T. M., meets on the first and the third Tuesdays of every month at 619 West Division Street.

Nordlyset (Northern Light) Norwegian Sick Benefit Society meets every first and third Monday in Schoenhofin Hall, Milwaukee and Ashland Avenue.

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HENRIK IBSEN LODGE

The ladies of the Henrik Ibsen Lodge arranged a pleasant social for the members last Sunday evening. The entertainment consisted of singing, music, refreshments, and games.

The social concluded with a brief speech by Mr. Isak A. Bergan who reminded the male members that the interest displayed by the ladies on that evening added to the just demands on the males in the Lodge.



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BETHLEHEM SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Sick and Death Benefit Society was organized on November 27, 1893, with a membership of thirty-five. The constitution committee consisted of Reverend J. N. Kildahl, Lars Olsen, Abraham Johnson, and Hans Twedt. The first executives elected were: J. N. Kildahl, president; Hans Twedt, vice-president; Haakon Thompsen, treasurer; Abraham Johnson, secretary.

The Society was incorporated on March 22, 1897. It was decided that the Society must never be a secret society.

The present executive board consists of M. T. Christensen, treasurer; Conrad DeLange, secretary; Haakon Thompsen, president; Soren Hansen, vice-president. The present membership of the Society is one hundred and forty.

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[Bethlehem Sick and Death Benefit Society]

The Bethlehem Sick and Death Benefit Society presented one of the finest programs heard in Chicago for some time. The festival was held in the Bethlehem Church, corner of North Center and West Huron Streets.

The program was as follows:

1. Organ preludium by Miss Amanda Bjertnaes.
2. Welcome sermon by Reverend G. T. Rygh.
3. Orchestral selections, G. Paulsen, director.
4. Solo by John Rasmussen.
5. Church quartet, J. H. Rasmussen, director.
6. Report by the secretary, Mr. Lange.
7. Solo by Miss Anna Christensen.
8. Lecture by Reverend L. O. Fosserum.



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9. Orchestral selections, G. Paulsen, director.
10. Solo by Miss Anna Christensen.
11. Selection by the church quartet, J. H. Rasmussen, director.

Such well-known musical critics as Reverend J. A. Meyer and Miss Ragna Linne have given their approval of Miss Christensen's singing.



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NORMANIA TENT LODGE

Normania Tent Lodge No.264, K. O. M. T., will celebrate the ninth anniversary of its founding, in King's Cafe, 112 Fifth Avenue [now Wells Street]. Attorney John J. Sonsteby will officiate as toastmaster.

Several prominent men are expected to speak as follows: John Lalmstrom, "Normania Tent"; Olaf Olesen, "Our Commander"; Birger Osland, "Sociability"; James F. Downer, "Fraternity".



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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



The Thora Ladies' Society [also known as Women's Lodge, Thora] celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding last Thursday in the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 317 Hirsch Street, near California Avenue. The president, Mrs. Marie Blom, introduced Dr. A. H. Olsen who congratulated the Society on its anniversary. Dr. Olsen is the Society's doctor.

Two of the charter members, Mrs. Olivia Blackstad and Mrs. Regina Anderson, were made honorary members. Mr. J. M. Blackstad read the history of the Society. The highlights of the activities of the Society were as follows:

Twenty-five years ago the Thora Society was organized, October 9, 1883. It was organized by a committee set up by the Scandinavian Workers' Society. The committee consisted of the following: J. M. Blackstad, Christian Lindblom,

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and Hans Holstad. The following committee wrote the constitution and bylaws: Mrs. Olivia Blackstad, Mrs. Ragna Lenterberg (now Arvesen), Mrs. Bernanda Johnson, Miss Johanne Hansen, and Miss Liane Hober.

The first president was Mrs. Martin Bjeld. The following members have been presidents of the Society: Mrs. Olivia Blackstad, Mrs. Anna Rasmussen, Mrs. Johanna Lonsen, Dr. Julia Larsen, Mrs. Johanne **Nielsen**, Mrs. Belle Stether Runden, Mrs. Enra Steffens, Mrs. Christine Berr, and Mrs. M. Blom.

The Society's physicians have been: Dr. B. Meyer, Dr. J. A. Lee, and at present, Dr. A. H. Olsen.

The present executives are as follows: Mrs. Marie Blom, president; Mrs. C. Blackstad, vice-president; Mrs. Marie Nielsen, secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Mathisen, financial secretary; Mrs. Mette Hansen, treasurer; Mrs. Christine



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Dybdahl, Marshall; Mrs. Alvilge Olsen, doorkeeper; Mrs. Edsel Petersen, librarian; Mrs. Christine Gledorlund, Mrs. Anna Nilson, and Mrs. Eric Graderi, trustees. Delegates to the American Medical Committee are Mrs. Marie Nielsen, and Mrs. Inga Steffens.

The Society has 235 members and pays sick and death benefits.



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THE KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CROSS

The annual convention of the Royal Order of the Knights of the White Cross opened at Dania Hall in Chicago, today. The meeting was called to order by the Grand Duke, J. A. Arntsen, who then appointed a credentials committee consisting of Charles Lake, W. T. Brown, and one substitute. Several lodges were represented. [A list of the lodges represented at the convention is given.]

The officers constituting the executive board of the Grand Lodge are: J. A. Arntsen, Grand Duke; W. T. Brown, Grand Earl; Charles Lake, financial secretary; John Gran, treasurer; John Hellesvig, chaplain.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, and the session was adjourned until the afternoon.

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GENOVEVA

The Norwegian Women's Sick Benefit Society Genoveva held its regular meeting the other day in Armitage Hall. New officers were installed and afterward there was entertainment and refreshments. A large number was present.

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THE FIRST NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN BURIAL SOCIETY

The Society will install new officers Wednesday evening, in its hall,
408 Milwaukee Ave.

The business meeting will be followed by a banquet.

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BURIAL SOCIETIES

1. White Star Burial Society. Meetings every fourth Tuesday of the month, at Klicka's Hall, 949 W. North Ave. President, Peter Johnson; Vice-President, Maria Malmstrom; Secretary, Emma Pretonius, 821 N. Campbell Ave.
2. The First Norwegian Men's Burial Society. Meetings every first and third Wednesday in the month in Odd Fellows Hall, 408 Milwaukee Avenue, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. President, A. Mjoen; Vice-President, John Foss; Secretary, L. A. Wernes, 63 W. Huron St.
3. The Ladies' Burial Society Minde (Remembrance). Meeting every first and third Thursday in the month from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M., at Wicker Park Hall, 501-507 W. North Ave. President Mrs. Walborg Lund; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Juel; Secretary, Mrs. Anna Bergensen.
4. The First Scandinavian Ladies' Burial Society of Chicago. Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Lagonis Hall, corner North and Western Avenues at 1:00 P.M.

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President, Mrs. Anna Berg, 741 N. Maplewood Avenue; Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie Hevle; Secretary, Mrs. Anna Bergesen, 88 N. Huron St.

5. The Ladies' Burial Society Scandia. Meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Nora Hall, corner Green and Ohio Streets. President, Mrs. Marie Blom; Vice-President, Mrs. Marie Nielsen; Secretary, Mrs. Sofie Kraft, 814 N. Irving Ave.

6. The Burial Society Haabets Anker (Anchor of Hope). Meeting every second Friday in the month in Armitage Hall, corner Albany and Armitage Avenue. President, Mrs. B. Auncy; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Wurschmidt; Secretary, Mr. D. Wurschmidt, 977 Armitage Ave.

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SICK BENEFIT SOCIETIES

1. Bethlehem Congregation's Aid Society. Meetings the last Monday evening of every month in the Sunday school rooms of Bethlehem Church, corner W. Huron Street and Center Ave. President, H. Thompson; Vice-President, S. Hansen; Secretary C. de Lange.
2. The Norwegian Sick Benefit Society Nordlyset (The Northern Light). Meetings every first and third Wednesday of the month at Klicka's Hall, 949 W. North Ave. President, Otto Berg; Vice-President, Thos. Bergersen; Rec. Secretary, Adolf Gyving, 874 Campbell Ave.
3. The Scandinavian Ladies' Society Thora. Meetings every second and fourth Thursday of the month at Nora Hall, corner W. Ohio and N. Green St. President, Marie Blom; Vice-President, Hilma Piehl; Secretary, Marie Nielsen, 808 W. North Ave.
4. Sick Benefit Society Nye Norge (New Norway). Meetings every first Monday of the month at Boew's Hall, corner Erie and Noble Streets, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. President, Mrs. Marie Halvorsen, 209 N. Ashland Avenue; Vice-President, Emma Allert; Secretary, Tilla Mortensen.

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5. Norwegian Women's Sick Benefit Society Genoveva. Meetings every second and fourth Monday of the month at Mrs. Schulstad, 491 W. Ohio St. President, Mrs. Hanna Lysedal; Vice-President, Mrs. Henrika Salvesen; Secretary, Mrs. Ida Olsen, 1024 Armitage Ave.
6. The Danish Workers' Sick Benefit Society. Meetings at Jacobsen's Hall, corner Wabansia and Washtenaw Avenue, every first and third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 P.M. President, John Simons; Vice-President, Chr. Hansen; Secretary, Julius Lick, 818 N. Maplewood Ave.
7. Danish Mutual Aid Association. Meetings in Schoenhofen's Hall, 880 Milwaukee Avenue, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. President, H. Frederiksen, 162 Lubeck Street; Secretary, J. J. Christensen, 391 N. Trumbull Avenue.
8. Den Slesvigske Understøttelses-Forening of Amerika (The Slesvig Relief Society of America). Meetings second Tuesday every month in Flicka's Hall, 949 W. North Avenue (opposite Humboldt Park). President, John C. Walledom; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Bradersen; Secretary, Marie E. Kaad.

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1. Nora Lodge, #1, R.H.K. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at Lagonis Hall, 690 W. North Avenue.
2. Nidaros, S. D. of T. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Norwegian Turner Hall, 584-586 N. California Ave.
3. Dovre Lodge, #18, R.H.K. Meetings first and third Thursdays in the month, at Schall's Hall, corner North and Central Park Avenues.
4. Leif Eriksen, Lodge #9, R.H.K. Meetings first and third Mondays each month at Schoenhofen's Hall, Milwaukee and Ashland Avenues.

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OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

1. Nordlandingen (The Northlander). Meetings every fourth **Friday** of the month in John Jacobsen's Hall, corner Washtenaw and Wabansia Avenues. President, H. Jentaft; Vice-President, O. Ringstad; Secretary, L. A. Mernes, 63 W. Huron St.
2. Scandinavian Painters' Union, #194. President, Otto Daum, 730 N. Maplewood Avenue; Vice-President, P. Clsen, 194 N. May Street; Secretary, H. Heide, 917 N. Kimball Avenue; Treasurer, Gabe Hanson, 354 N. Ade St.
3. The Norwegian National League. Meetings every first Monday (not a holiday) of every third month of the year. President, A. Abrahamsen, 1905 Milwaukee Avenue; Vice-President A. Anderson; Secretary, J. Malmstrom, 727 W. Division St.
4. Norwegian Industrial Association. Meeting the fourth Friday of every month at the home of Mrs. Ragnild Olsen Ray, 561 N. Humboldt St. President, Mrs. Ragnild O. Ray; Secretary, Mrs. John Oien, 1035 N. Albany Ave.

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5. Nordfalle's Supreme Lodge. Meetings first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 197 W. Division Street, corner Ashland Avenue. President, Gustav Tveten; Vice-President, John M. Blackstad; Secretary, Andrew Kvale.

6. Scandinavian Shoemakers' Union. Meetings second and fourth Sundays of every month, at 2:00 P.M. in Mabansia Hall, 907 California Avenue. President, Henry Steen; Vice-President, Julius Rustad; Secretary, Engebret Olsen.

7. The Society Martha. Meeting the last Thursday of every month in Wicker Park Hall, 2:00 o'clock P.M. President, Mrs. Rikka Schmidt; Vice-President, Mrs. Leganger; Secretary, Mrs. M. Pedersen, Armitage Avenue at Kedzie.

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Skandinaven, June 3, 1907.

NORDLANDINGEN

The Nordlandingen (Northlander) Society was presented with a Norwegian flag and an American flag, both of silk, by the ladies of the Society at a banquet Saturday evening in Jacobsen's Hall. More than a hundred guests were present.

Henry Jentoft was the toastmaster. He introduced Mr. A. B. Lange, who delivered an oration on the Norwegian flag. After the speech the Norwegian national hymn was sung by the Norwegian Glee Club. H. Altern spoke for the American flag, and the "Red, White, and Blue" was sung.

Loveur Werner then stated that the Society had been organized eight years ago and had constantly progressed. He also extended the thanks of Nordlandingen to the ladies for the flags.

The latest number of the Club's paper, Nordlandtrompeten (The Trumpet of the

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Northland) [was read], and A. B. Lange spoke [concerning it].

After the tables had been cleared, there was dancing till late at night.

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Skandinaven, May 25, 1907.

THE DEACONESS HOME

On Monday evening, May 27, the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Association will hold a meeting in the Covenant Church, Robey and Iowa Streets. A meeting of old and new friends of the movement was held on April 29 in the Bethel Church. It was there resolved that work be started at once on the building of a home for the deaconesses close to the Deaconess Hospital.

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Skandinaven, May 23, 1907.

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[WOMEN'S SOCIETY DORCAS TO RAISE \$500]

The ladies' society, Dorcas, will meet at Logan Square Norwegian Baptist Church tonight at 8 o'clock. Plans will be presented for the raising of \$500 without resorting to bazaar or advertisements.



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Skandinaven, February 1, 1905.

/BENEFIT SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING/

The Bethlehem Sick Benefit Society held its yearly meeting in Bethlehem Church. The Society has one hundred thirty members of whom eighty-one are women and forty-nine men. Nine new members was accepted in 1904.

The treasurer's report:

Cash on hand January 1, 1904	\$358.63
Dues Received	<u>580.29</u>
	\$938.91
Sick benefits paid	\$411.55
Two funerals paid, \$70.00 each	<u>140.00</u>
	\$551.55
Cash on hand 1/1/05	\$387.36

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Skandinaven, April 3, 1904.

THORA LODGE TO HOLD LEAP YEAR DANCE



There is to be a "Leap Year Dance" given by the Thora Lodge, Thora, in
Hartford, Conn. The lodge is the first of its kind in the United States
and is the first of its kind in the Norwegian colony.

What is to be a "Leap Year Dance" is the subject of the society of the lodge.

Skandinaven, Feb. 24, 1904.

CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
(Summary)



The society "Morge" celebrated the anniversary of the first American president. Why? Advocate Olaf C. Ray has gotten it into his head that Washington's ancestor was a freemason. He is going to try to prove this at a later date.

Skandinaven, Dec. 30, 1903.

LEAP YEAR DANCE

(Summary)

Haugets Aker, a Scandinavian Social Society, will be meeting in Jacob's Hall, Albany and Amity Aves. The following officers were elected: Laura Metland, Pres.; Sophi Johannesen, Treas.; S. Metland, Sec.; and Jacob Helgeson, Trustee.

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HAABETS ANKER (THE HOPES ANCHOR)

The Scandinavian's Funeral Society held a meeting in Jansen's Hall at Armitage and Albany Avenues. A great many members were present and twenty new members were accepted.

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Skandinaven, Dec. 4, 1903.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

(Summary)

The Bethlehem Mutual Aid Society celebrated its 10th anniversary last Monday. The Society was organized Nov. 27th, 1893, with thirty-five members. The Rev. Kilhadl was President and Abraham Johnson, Secretary. Sixty-six thousand five hundred dollars has been paid in subscription and membership fees. Its purpose is to help poor people in sickness and death. The society was incorporated March 22, 1897.



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Skandinaven, Dec. 4, 1903.

/CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY/

Bethlehem Aid Society celebrated its tenth year anniversary last Monday, Pastor Tiller opened the meeting with prayer. Bethlehem Aid Society was organized November 27, 1893 with a membership of thirty-five. Pastor Kildahl was president and Abraham Johnson, secretary. \$66,500.00 was paid in by subscriptions and membership fees. The society's purpose is to aid the poor during illness and to pay the funeral expenses of the needy. The society was incorporated **March 22, 1897.**

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 30, 1901.

LEIF ERICSON LODGE

Leif Ericson Lodge No. 9, R. H. K., celebrated Christmas with a social at Nora Hall last Saturday evening.

The attendance was somewhat smaller than had been expected, but this fact did not prevent the participants from enjoying themselves. A number of speeches were made and Mr. John Pedersen's orchestra rendered music.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Nov. 30, 1901.

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NORDFALLES SOCIAL

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Nordfalles Supreme Lodge held its annual Thanksgiving social last Wednesday evening at Scandia Hall. The attendance was excellent, and the social a success in every way.

President L. Weberg of the..Lodge welcomed the guests. Attorney Hummeland spoke of the service Nordfalles had accomplished during the seventeen years of its existence. He paid special respect to the ladies of the Lodge. . . .

Miss Sophie H. Bull gave a piano solo; Misses H. Sannes and E. Christiansen sang a duet; the Sleipner Athletic Club gave an exhibition; Emil Jensen's orchestra provided the music. Roast turkey was served at dinner, and afterwards there was dancing.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 1, 1900.

NORA LODGE CELEBRATES

Nora Lodge No. 1, R. H. K. celebrated Thanksgiving Day with a cinch party and banquet Thursday afternoon and evening at Nora Hall, in which more than one hundred members and their friends participated. The committee on arrangements....had decorated both halls with palms, flags, and wreaths. The banner of the Lodge was displayed in the front of the hall, and on one of the side walls the silk flag used by the Fifteenth Wisconsin Regiment in the Civil War, was hung. The decorations were appropriate for the occasion.

In the larger hall were placed twenty card tables where card players were busy, two gentlemen and two ladies at each table. In the meanwhile Mrs. Harold Larsen had set the banquet tables in the smaller hall.... At seven o'clock the band played the dinner march, and the guests, led by the chairman of the committee on arrangements and his wife, marched to the tables. The chairman made a speech of welcome....then called upon Mr. Martin Field, the secretary of the Lodge, to speak in honor of the day.

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Captain Louis R. Johnson spoke in honor of America and Chief Secretary Jens Scheldrup gave a fine survey of the work of the Lodge.

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After justice had been done to the excellent food the guests were conducted to the larger hall where the floor had been cleared for dancing.... Later in the evening prizes were distributed to the best card players.... The banquet was a success in every way....



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 31, 1900.

BETHLEHEM SICK BENEFIT SOCIETY
Society's First Bazaar a Success

The first bazaar of the sick benefit society of the Bethlehem Church was held in the basement of the church and exceeded every expectation in the success it achieved.

Early in the morning the committee began its work to get the place in order and to arrange the many articles put on exhibition before the opening of the bazaar at 2 P. M. The place was decorated with flags and flowers, and when everything was fixed up, the impression made on the onlooker was very satisfactory.

During the afternoon the attendance was fairly good....but in the evening there was a full house....and the sale of articles went with a rush....The bazaar added considerable funds to the treasury of the Society.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 24, 1900.

THE FIRST NORWEGIAN FEMALE BURIAL SOCIETY

The First Norwegian Female Burial Society held its meeting last Monday evening at Aurora Hall.

The bazaar committee reported that the net income to date from the bazaar amounts to \$318. Several additional amounts were also collected during the meeting so that the total income from the affair will amount to about \$400.

A vote of thanks was returned to all the organizations which helped make the bazaar a success.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 29, 1900.

THE FIRST NORWEGIAN LADIES' BURIAL ASSOCIATION

The Bazaar Committee of the First Norwegian Ladies' Burial Association has already held several meetings to arrange for the bazaar to be held at Scandia Hall from October 6 to October 14. A number of promises of gifts to the bazaar have been received, and the president of the Association, Mrs. Christine Christoffersen, expressed strong belief in the success of the affair. The Association has more than six hundred members, and these members are working in a spirit of competition for the collection of gifts for the bazaar.



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SCANDINAVIAN UNIONS, LODGES, AND SOCIETIES

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A. Singing Societies and Musical Societies

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1. The Norwegian Singing Society meets at Schoenhofen Hall, Milwaukee and Ashland Avenues. Singing practice is held every Wednesday. Business meetings are held every first Friday in the month.
2. The Norwegian Glee Club holds singing practice every Thursday evening at eight o'clock in Joseph Dost's Hall, corner of Wabansia and Washtenaw Avenues.
3. The Bjorgvin Singing Society meets for singing practice every Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock at Schoenhofen Hall, corner of Milwaukee and Ashland Avenues. Business meetings are held at the same place every first Monday in the month.

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4. The Viking Marine Band holds its meetings in Scandia Hall every Thursday evening. The Band is affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Musicians.
5. The Danish Harmony Singing Society meets at Schoenhofen Hall, 876 Milwaukee Avenue. Singing practice is held every Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Business meetings are held every first and third Tuesday in the month.
6. The Normania Military Band meets at Field's Hall, corner of Temple and Huron Streets, every Wednesday evening from eight to ten o'clock.

B. Athletic Societies

1. The Norwegian Turner Society of Chicago meets at Aurora Hall, corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Huron Street.

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Turner meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday evening from eight to ten o'clock. Boys' meetings are held every Thursday evening from seven to nine o'clock. The board of directors meets on the last Thursday in the month.

2. The Danish Society of Sharpshooters meets at Soku's Hall on the first and the third Tuesdays of every month.
3. The Norwegian Sleipner Athletic Society meets in the evening, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at Scandia Hall, Milwaukee Avenue and Ohio Street. Practice meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday evening from eight to ten o'clock.
4. The Norwegian Society of Sharpshooters meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Sharpshooters' Hall, 789 North Avenue.

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1. The Scandinavian-American Temperance Prohibition Club meets every Tuesday evening at Harmony Hall, corner of Ohio and Noble Streets.
2. The First Scandinavian Women's Christian Temperance Society holds its regular meetings every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock and every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in its new hall at 281 West Ohio Street. The children's division meets every Monday evening. Socials, with fine singing, music, temperance lectures, and refreshments, are given on the last Thursday evening of each month. All Scandinavians are invited.
3. The Temple Warden No. 51 meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at 451 Mentmore Avenue. Everybody is welcome.

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4. The Temple Brother-Bond meets every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, at Normania Hall, 235-37 Milwaukee Avenue. New members are received at all meetings. Everybody is welcome.
5. The Scandinavian Harmony Abstinence Society holds meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the hall of the Society, corner of Noble and Ohio Streets. Everybody is welcome. Social gatherings are held on the last Saturday of every month.
6. The Success Lodge No. 966, I. O. G. T. [Independent Order of Good Templars], meets every Friday evening at eight o'clock in Harmony Hall, corner of Noble and Ohio Streets. Visiting members of the Order are always welcome. New members will be received at all meetings.

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1. The Scandinavian Bakers' Union No. 62, I. B. & C. U. /International Bakers' and Confectionary Workers' Union, meets every second and fourth Saturday of every month at Hart's Hall, corner of Townsend and Locust Streets. The meeting hour is seven o'clock in the evening. Mr. Christian Svendsen is the secretary. His office, 174 North Morgan Street, is open every day from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening.
2. The Scandinavian Shoemakers' Union meets every second and fourth Sunday of each month, at 2:00 P.M., in Nora Hall, 81-83 West Ohio Street.
3. Scandinavian Local No. 194, Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America meets every Tuesday evening at 406

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4. The Norwegian-Danish Typographical Union No. 272, I. T. U., meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Aurora Hall.

5. The Independent Local Carpenter Union meets every Saturday at 8:00 P. M. in the hall at 402 Armitage Avenue. New members are received at these meetings.

E. Women's Societies

1. The Remembrance Women's Society meets every first and third Thursday afternoon from two to four o'clock, at Wicker Park Hall.

2. The Thora Scandinavian Women's Society holds meetings on the first and third Fridays of every month. The Society offers

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aid in illness to its members.

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3. Norwegian Women's Athletic Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 96 Bingham Street. The hour of meeting is two o'clock in the afternoon.

F. Aid Societies

1. The Danish Brothers in Arms meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month at Schoenhofen Hall, 876 Milwaukee Avenue.
2. The First Scandinavian Female Burial Society meets every second and fourth Monday evening at Nora Hall, corner of Green and West Ohio Street.
3. The Society for the Danish Home for the Aged meets at

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Lagon's Hall, 690 West North Avenue, on the second
Wednesday of every month. The hour of the meeting is
2:00 P. M.

4. The Danish Lutheran Girls' Home is a Christian home for girls. The reading room is open every day for girls. Christian young people's meetings are held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 4:00 P. M.
5. The Northern Light Norwegian Sick Benefit Society meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Odd Fellows Hall, 428 West Chicago Avenue. New members are received at every meeting.
6. The Danish Aid Society meets in Dania Hall, 251 West Chicago Avenue, on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. The meeting hour is 8:00 P. M.

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1. Denmark Lodge No. 112, K. of P. [Knights of Pythias?] meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock at 432 Milwaukee Avenue.

2. Dannebrag Division, U. R. K. of P., holds exercises every Wednesday evening at Aurora Turner Hall.

3. Dagmar Lodge No. 446, K. of P., meets every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in A. Plath's Hall, 195 West Division Street.

H. K. of H.

1. Dania Lodge No. 2665, K. of H., meets on the second and fourth Fridays of every month at 869 Milwaukee Avenue.

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2. Scandia Lodge No. 1211, K. of H., holds its meetings at Odd Fellows Hall, 406-408 Milwaukee Avenue, on the first and third Saturdays of every month.

I. K. & L. of H.

1. Freja Lodge 1079, K. & L. of H., meets in Scandia Hall, 100 West Ohio Street, on the first and third Thursdays in the month.
2. Northern Light Lodge No. 762, K. & L. of H., meets on the first and third Fridays of every month at 81-83 West Ohio Street.

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1. Nora Lodge No. 1, R. H. K. [Knights of the White Cross]

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meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month
at Nora Hall, 81-83 West Ohio Street.

2. Leif Erikson Lodge No. 9, R. H. K., holds its business
meetings on the first and third Thursdays of every
month, at 428 West Chicago Avenue.

3. Dovre Lodge No. 18, R. H. K., meets on the first and third
Saturdays of every month at the corner of Armitage and
Milwaukee Avenues.

K. A. O. U. W.

1. Chicago Lodge No. 91, A. O. U. W. [Ancient Order of United
Workmen] meets regularly on the second and fourth Fridays
of every month, at eight o'clock in the evening, in
Flynn's Hall, North Avenue and Robey Street.

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2. Tordenskjold Lodge No. 15, R. H. K., meets on the second and fourth Fridays of every month at Nora Hall, 81-83 West Ohio Street.

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L. I. O. M. A.

1. Norden Lodge No. 164, I. O. M. A., meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Lagoni's Hall, corner of North and Western Avenues.
2. Court Republic No. 1043 of the Illinois Branch of the Supreme Court Independent Order of Foresters meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in Normania Hall on Milwaukee Avenue.
3. The Society Nordlandingen, Inc., meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, at the residence of

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Mr. Hans Finstad, corner of California and North Avenues.

4. The society, Daughters of Denmark, meets on the second Thursday of every month at Lagon's Hall, 690 West North Avenue.

5. The society, Sons of Denmark, meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Pearl's Hall, 1546 Milwaukee Avenue.

Translator's note: Following the name of each society, lodge, and union, there is given a list of officials of the organization.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 16, 1900.

TORDENSKJOLD LODGE FLOP DANCE

Tordenskjold Lodge No. 15, R. E. K., gave an evening entertainment and ball on Saturday night. Many members of the Order and their friends were present.

A model of the Viking ship given to the Lodge by the president, Mr. Carl Carlsen, was raffled off. The net income from the social is to be used for buying of an American and a Norwegian flag.



Scandia, Feb. 17, 1900.

THE FIRST SCANDINAVIAN WOMEN'S BURIAL SOCIETY

The First Scandinavian Women's Burial Society celebrated its 21st anniversary last Monday at Nora Hall. Mrs. Christoffersen, who has been president of the Society for 21 years, presided. Dr. Carl Sandberg, representing the Norwegian National League, stated that it was deplorable that the Society had withdrawn from the League. He felt that the Society should be represented on the League.

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Scandia, Dec. 16, 1899.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR

The Scandinavian lodges of M. and W. of M. (Knights and Ladies of Honor) have had many reverses lately. The dwindling of membership is hardly to be understood, because we know that the officers are honest and have organizational ability.

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Skandinaven, Feb. 14, 1894.

CELEBRATE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
(Summary)

The Scandinavian Ladies Mutual Society has celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. Mrs. Kristine Christoffersen, President since the society started, has done a good job. The society now has about four hundred members.

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Skandinaven, June 26, 1893.

[FORM NEW SOCIETY]

The Seven Sisters is a new society, started by seven Norwegian women who are trying to organize a funeral lodge.



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Skandinaven, Feb. 18, 1893.

[CELEBRATE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY]

Nordfalles Lodge celebrated its eighth anniversary on February 13, with a very successful banquet. The president, John Blackstad, gave an account of all the lodge had done in the eight years of its existence. To the sick was paid \$3,600.00 and for death \$2,900.00. A library has been opened from which members could take out books free of charge. Many new members have joined.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 26, 1890.

THE SCANDINAVIAN WORKERS' SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Workers' Society was organized June 13, 1870. A few of the old timers are still with us, among the most active ones we have are: Jonn Hafsten, (Norwegian), H. S. Mathisen (Dane), and A. Handerup (Dane), one of the organizers of Dania. The history of the society is very interesting, and we will give a few of the highlights.

The first meeting place was on the corner of Desplaines Street and Milwaukee Avenue, which was, at that time, a residential neighborhood. At the time of organization, there were only about ten or fifteen members, but the following winter they numbered three hundred fifty.

In 1871, the following well-known men became very active: Fritz Frantzen (Dane), Hoffman Smith (Dane), Moller and Lundin. Then, after a successful period, came the Chicago Fire, which destroyed everything they owned.



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In the Fall of 1872, they bought an old church on the corner of Desplaines Avenue and Randolph Street. The church later was moved to the property the society owned on Halsted and Richlieu Streets. The membership, during the time after the fire, dropped from three hundred fifty to sixteen, and in 1873-1874, this membership dropped to seven, so they moved in the Dania Hall.

This seemed to help. It was a better location, as the neighborhood around Peoria Street and Milwaukee Avenue had not suffered so much from the fire.

In 1881, the society sold its building, and rented the Aurora Turner hall. Here they stayed until 1885. Now they again had over three hundred members, and they kept on growing. In 1881, two prominent people joined. They were Martin Fjeld (Norwegian), and P. Nielsen (Dane). These two people helped build the society to what it is today.

Late in 1885, the society moved to larger quarters, The Norwegian Singing Societies' hall, and in 1884, they moved to still larger quarters in Concordia Hall.



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In 1888, the organization became so large that it was necessary to divide it into eight branches, as follows:

1. Concordia; 2. Skandia, at Morland; 3. Humboldt, at Humboldt Park; 4. Crown, at Lake View; 5. Maplewood, at Maplewood; 6. John Ericksen; 7. Phoenix, at Englewood; 8. Eau Clair, in Wisconsin. The total membership now is eleven hundred, of which seven hundred thirty belong to Lodge No. 1, Concordia. The total assets are \$62,000.

Following are the names of the men who built the organization to what it is today, they all held office in the years given:

John Nielsen (Dane) 1876; A. Midling (Norwegian) 1877; John Nielsen, 2nd term, 1878; H. S. Mathisen (Dane) 1879; Ole Bendixen (Dane) 1880; John Hafsten (Norwegian) 1881-1882; H. Gorder (Norwegian) 1882; Svend Olsen (Dane) 1883-1884; M. Julsrud (Norwegian) 1885; O. Thorud (Norwegian) 1886-1887; J. Thorwold (Norwegian) 1887; M. Fjeld (Norwegian) 1888-1889; John Olsen (Dane) 1890.



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We think this is an excellent piece of work and grand results to show after
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Skandinaven, Mar. 29, 1881.

THE SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Immigrant Aid Society has been formed here and officers have been elected.

The purpose of the Society is to aid all Scandinavian immigrants who stop over here in Chicago on their way west.

It is planned to operate a hotel on a non-profit basis.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Dec. 20, 1900.

[INSURANCE IN FRATERNAL ORDERS]

(Editorial)

Skandinaven informed its readers some time ago that the Order of Chosen Friends has gone bankrupt and as a result is to be dissolved. The society was one of the so-called fraternal societies, the purpose of which is to be of use and comfort to the members. Every member of such societies received a life insurance policy, and the individual lodges served as social centers for the members and their families.

The Order of Chosen Friends....followed a working plan which in outline is similar to that of most fraternal societies. The main purpose of the society was to provide the members with inexpensive life insurance on the basis of the so-called assessment plan....According to this plan the society carried no reserve fund. When a member died, the other members were assessed for a certain amount and the insurance was paid from the assessments. This is the usual form of assessment insurance.

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The society experienced some special misfortunes: The treasurer stole \$30,000 of the insurance funds and, like other insurance companies, it had to meet extraordinary demands after the Galveston disaster. Bankruptcy was the only way out. When this occurred the society, which at this time had 551 branches all over the country, had \$21,000 in its treasury, while the total obligations to widows and other relatives of deceased members amounted to about \$220,000. These facts show that the society would have been compelled to go bankrupt even if the treasurer had not absconded and even if the funds had not been drained by the catastrophe in Galveston. The two occurrences mentioned may have hastened the bankruptcy, but sooner or later this would have occurred anyway.

As all of us know, there is a very large number of fraternal insurance societies in this country, and new ones are formed almost daily. The organizers are usually people who desire good incomes and easy work. It is not difficult to arrange for an attractive plan, especially if it is made to appear that good will and mercy form the cornerstones of the plan; that the desire of the




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organizers is mainly to aid widows and orphans. People join the society; money pours in; and for a time all is well. But the real foundation is unsafe, and after a while the attractive structure collapses.

It is the duty of every man to take care of his family. Life insurance carried by the head of the family is a usual method whereby this duty is performed.... It is necessary, however, to be careful in this matter. It is not always easy to separate the genuine from the fraudulent. Most people can escape the traps if they use their common sense and seek advice from reliable people. Most of the unsound schemes are calculated to catch people of meager incomes for whom it is important to get inexpensive insurance. Yet these people especially are the ones who can ill afford to lose their savings, and whose families will suffer most if the insurance policy on which they are relying proves to be but a piece of worthless paper.

Skandinaven has thought it a duty to present this matter to its readers. It would be well for our people to study the Order of Chosen Friends, its insurance plan, its methods, its growth, its collapse.



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 13, 1920.

THE AUGUSTANA CAMPAIGN

Judge Harry Olson called a special campaign meeting at the Stevens Hotel last night. Final arrangements were made in order to speed up the collections. Much interest has been shown in this campaign throughout Chicago. The old Augustana Hospital was organized thirty-six years ago, and has served 61,000 patients in that period. The new hospital is to cost \$700,000.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 5, 1920.

NEW HOSPITAL

A campaign has been started to collect \$700,000 for a new Augustana hospital.

The general secretary for the women's division of the finance committee is Mrs. Carl A. Evald. There are fifty groups of women, ten in each group, that are in the field at present. In the men's division there are about a thousand workers. It is expected to collect the entire amount in ten days. The general chairman for the campaign committee is Judge Harry Olson.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 26, 1919.

THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

The Norwegian-American Hospital gave a banquet and festival for the new graduate nurses. The program for the evening was as follows:

1. Organ preludium.....Mrs. Cecilia K. Munsen
2. Address.....Reverend O. Ingvolstad
3. Song, "Festival Te Deum".....St. Paul Quartet
4. Piano solo.....Amanda Jorgensen
5. Songs, "Where My Caravan Rested" and "Morning"...Hester Hoskins
6. Violin solo, "Cavatina".....J. M. Dybdahl
7. Address.....J. U. Fowler
8. Piano solo.....Amanda Jorgensen
9. Songs, "Come, for It Is June" and "Harmony"....Hester Hoskins
10. Violin solo, "Serenade".....J. M. Dybdahl
11. Song, "Rock of Ages".....Quartet
12. Presentation of diplomas.....Joachim G. Giaver

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OUR DEACONESS SISTERS

The Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital has six sisters doing charitable work outside the hospital. They are: Sisters Berdine, Olette, May, Martha, Minnie, and Caroline.

Sister Berdine Solberg is in charge of the Day Nursery, on Campbell Avenue and Bloomingdale Road; Sister May Gullickson is in charge of the kindergarten at the Nursery; Sister Martha Bakke is in charge of the kindergarten on Milwaukee Avenue; Sister Olette Bergseth is in charge of the kindergarten in Reverend Hinderliet's congregation; Sister Minnie Nybers is in charge of The Hebrew Mission; Sister Caroline Williams is in charge at the Juvenile Court.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 26, 1918.

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

The Norwegian-American Hospital [formerly the Tabitha Hospital] will soon celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. The Hospital, as we all know, is located at the corner of Cortez Street and Francisco Avenue. The total value of the building is \$105,000. The last buildings erected were the nurses' home and the students' home. Sixty additional private rooms have been added to the Hospital. The Hospital board intends to build larger surgical and medical wards in the near future.

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II B 1 c (3)[BAZAAR]

The Annual Bazaar of the Norwegian American Hospital will open tomorrow evening at Humboldt Park Parish House.

As is well-known, the hospital is building a large addition which will practically double the capacity of the institution. The proceeds of the bazaar will be employed toward the enlargement of the building.

Many beautiful and useful articles are for sale; interesting entertainment every evening. Good refreshments.

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THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

It is busy both inside and outside the Norwegian-American Hospital now. The new buildings are going up and in a few months there will be space for one-hundred more patients.

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THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HOSPITAL

During the summer months Chicago witnesses from year to year a succession of graduations--tiny tots from the kindergarten, children from the public schools, youths from the high schools and colleges, and maturer young men and women from the universities and the training schools.

To every student graduation is a festive occasion, the realization of a certain goal.

The education of individuals is the most important function that community and state can undertake for its citizens; it means the preparation and training of the minds and bodies of the individuals for life and life's work, and directly in proportion to the wisdom and thoroughness of this training will be the results for the general welfare and happiness of the individual and the community. In the march of time and races problems are arising which test the wisdom, judgment, and capacity of educators and statesmen; all the more

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is it essential for us to be well prepared for the increased duties of modern times. Every parent should give his and her child the best opportunity possible for education and training. By so doing they will not only promote the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of the individual and afford an opportunity for the discovery of any special attribute or inclination for encouragement or correction, but also help raise human standards.

On numerous occasions we have pleaded with parents to bestow upon their daughters the same educational advantage they give to their sons, and of the girls we have asked that they exert themselves in their own behalf and take advantage of every educational opportunity they can. It is sad indeed for the young girl when she cannot finish grammar school or attend high school although she wishes to do so and is as much qualified as her big brother. One must not forget that delay in education often means no education.

Opportunities are offered all along the road and it is up to us to take advantage of them. And right here we wish to state that whenever a girl wants to

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improve her education she can take up her school work where she left off and go on, at a slow or a fast speed, as conditions permit. Such plans have been made by the Board of Education and should be of great service to those who have not had previous opportunities. As the requirements for admission to certain types of work now demand at least some high school training--and now it is possible to get it--let us hope that a great many of our young people will make use of their time and opportunity by acquiring such knowledge as will qualify them for some of the more important work to be done among us.

In these days of great activity and stress we recognize, everyone of us, the value of proper training, and in the instance of the trained nurse there is hardly a vocation in as great demand today as hers. We meet her on every hand, not only in hospitals and homes taking care of the sick, but out in the world: in the schools; looking after the health of the children in the tenement houses and slums; advising and instructing mothers and aiding in

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placing the sick, the old, and the poor, the cripples and indigent in homes provided for their care. Large employers of labor engage her in looking after the health of their employees. The world today seems awake to the fact that it pays to keep well, that prevention is better than cure, and that nothing is as expensive as ill health.

The training course in the hospital where the nurse has learned to apply in practice the knowledge of the medical sciences enables her to render these valuable services to the community, obtain for herself a good compensation, and gain considerably in personal value to mankind.

We wish to congratulate the young women who have just graduated from the Norwegian-American Hospital upon their choice of a profession. And to the graduating class we want to say that we feel sure you will go out and do good work in your chosen field. You have put three years in close application to work and study, we know you have done very well. No doubt you

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have on occasions been weary and discouraged when the work seemed hard and the results were not all you desired; but let us remember that most anything worth while is hard. And as to the result, remember that the final inning is not with the Hospital; we can only start you off; the rest is up to you.

We know that every graduate of the Hospital will go out into life well equipped and ready to serve. We wish that more of our Norwegian daughters would take up nursing.

[Editor's note: The above is an address delivered at the graduation ceremony of the Norwegian-American Hospital. The Scandia does not give the speaker's name, hence the article is not quoted.]

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Skandinaven, Jan. 23, 1916.

TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Society held its annual meeting at the hospital Jan. 18, in spite of the cold weather the meeting was well attended. Dr. Marie Olsen was in the choir and Miss Belle Olsen was secretary.

The reading of the minister from the last annual meeting as well as the quarterly meetings was listened to with great interest, also the reports from the hospital activities.

The president Dr. Marie Olsen gave an exhaustive report of the preceding year (1915), during which time 990 patients were cared for with 11417 hospital-days, nine partly paying patients and 78 free patients; 169 babies were born with 1861 hospital-days. No charges were made for this service. Receipts and Disbursements were as follows.

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Receipts.....	\$19960.14	
Tabitha Society Contribution.	<u>1207.53</u>	
Total.....	\$21167.67	\$21167.67
Disbursements.....		\$20205.50

This last item covers several large payments on improvements under way, which will make the hospital an up to date one in every way.

Lastly Dr. Olsen thanked everyone who had lent a helping hand, both of the hospital and in the society. These "good samaritans" have done a noble deed in helping to care for those less fortunate of our countrymen as well as helping to train and educate young women for the profession of nurses.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 8, 1913.

NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Eighteen hospitals have been denied licenses in Chicago.....Among them is
the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, 1138 North Leavitt Street.

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II D EScandia, Feb. 1, 1913.NORWEGIAN[TABITHA HOSPITAL]

Last summer, the board of directors of the Norwegian Tabitha hospital decided to build a large addition to the hospital. This addition was to be financed by a bond issue in the amount of \$60,000. Everything looked rosy at the time, and the project was considered as being "no sooner said than done," but an **hindrance** after another bobbed up, and the proposed addition has been completely given up. In the meantime, the architect has presented a bill for \$200, for services rendered. Add to this other items of expense, and the hospital sustains a loss of a little over \$1000. Taking everything into consideration, the hospital was fortunate to get out from under with no greater loss.

From another point of view, it is probably just as well that the project was dropped, as the practice of many institutions nowadays to create debts for future generations to pay is going beyond all reasonable bounds.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 26, 1913.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Hospital Society held its regular annual meeting last Tuesday in the Humboldt Parish House, California and Le Moyne Avenues. It was announced that construction would soon begin on the building which had been discussed for such a long time.

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Superintendent's Report

Patients treated during 1912, 898. (This was an increase over last year.)

	Patients Treated	Hospital Days
Paying patients	743	9,929
Part charity patients	19	330
Charity patients	52	1,081

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Babies	84	951
	898	12,291

Receipts

Patients' dues	\$14,512.36
Surgical supplies	2,773.16
Special nursing	1,712.15
X-Ray laboratory	133.89
Donations	1,544.14
Membership dues	163.75
Bazaar	903.75
Lawn party, etc.	78.66
Miscellaneous	148.08
Total	\$21,969.94

Disbursements

Pay roll	\$4,628.17
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Drugs and surgical supplies	\$1,904.63
Groceries	1,949.39
Butter and eggs	1,434.36
Meats	1,779.63
Fish	213.07
Bakery goods	332.01
Milk and cream	1,556.88
Ice	179.02
Soap, etc.	301.25
Merchandise	707.45
Window shades	49.14
Fire apparatus	39.94
Light and power	607.48
Light and fuel	730.35
Telephone	152.56
Coal	1,034.77
Stationery, printing, advertising postage, and carfare	164.85

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Hardware and repairs	\$393.86
Paints and labor	282.52
Landscaping	25.80
New plumbing	1,318.25
Insurance	352.10
Legal service	301.66
Rent, etc.	24.00
Elevator and boiler inspection	4.00
Rent of vault	5.00
Hospital license	100.00
Auditing books	25.00
Collector's fee and notary public	44.50
Refunds	115.50
Sundries	<u>12.40</u>
Total	\$20,769.54

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Treasurer's Report

	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance from 1911	45.96	
January	1,402.27	\$1,685.20
February	1,691.74	1,690.13
March	1,621.19	1,608.19
April	1,710.25	1,552.61
May	1,843.80	1,752.60
June	1,560.95	2,227.58
July	1,590.87	1,725.98
August	1,662.70	1,456.06
September	1,538.88	1,479.46
October	2,057.71	2,185.71
November	3,713.36	1,874.92
December	1,576.31	1,531.10
		Balance
		1,246.36
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Dr. Marie Olsen was re-elected president.

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Scandia, Nov. 2, 1912.

TABITHA HOSPITAL BAZAAR

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital groups are busy this week with their bazaar at the Humboldt Park Parish House, Lemoyne Street and California Avenue. The proceeds of this bazaar go to the fund being raised for the proposed new addition to the hospital. The attendance so far has been very good and prospects are that the last two days will bring out the largest crowd ever assembled at such an affair. May success crown their every effort.



Scandia, Oct. 26, 1912.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

At a meeting held last night, the building committee of the Tabitha Hospital Society decided to start building at once. The new building cost \$65,000. The committee elected G. G. Martin as chairman.

Scandia, Sept. 7, 1912.[LINCOLN PARK CHILDREN'S SANITARIUM]

Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen is again to be found at her office at 25 Bishop Court after the close of the season at the Lincoln Park Children's Sanitarium. During our interview, the doctor stated that her work during the summer had been **very** interesting. It is astonishing, what fond, but unknowing mothers, will load into the tender little stomachs of their few days, weeks, or months old babies. The ignorance of many mothers is truly unbelievable and it is no wonder that so many children die in infancy. Mothers feed their little mites such things as coffee, bananas, oranges, bread and butter, meat balls, and even beer; but these same mothers would assure the doctor that the child had been fed only milk. Chemicals and the microscope do not lie. Thorough chemical and microscopical examination of the excretions of the babies proved beyond doubt that they were being raised on a killing diet. So a proper diet was then arranged to fit each individual case. The improved **appearance** and vitality of these children was **very** apparent,



Scandia, Sept. 7, 1912.

and visitors at the sanitarium are so enthusiastic over the work done there, that many have pledged support to a more extensive work during next summer. The sanitarium offers an opportunity for profitable medical research, which will no doubt be taken advantage of by many Chicago physicians during the coming seasons.



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Scandia, June 15, 1912.

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[HOSPITAL STAFF MEETS]

The medical staff of the Norwegian Seamen's Hospital held a meeting on June 13th. Twenty-four doctors attended the meeting, which was presided over by Dr. H. T. Qualis, president.

After the business session the announcement was made that Pastor Hildahl, for many years rector of the hospital, had submitted his resignation accompanied by the statement that he contemplated accepting a call to the pastorate of a Milwaukee Lutheran Church. A resolution was promptly and unanimously passed, requesting the United Norwegian Lutheran Church to retain Pastor Hildahl as Rector of the Hospital, and that his resignation be turned down. Many of the attending staff members spoke highly of the excellent work Rev. Mr. Hildahl had done at the hospital, and it was decided to hold a Sema (six o'clock supper) in his honor, and to present him with a fine loving-cup as a token of their esteem.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 13, 1912.

THE DEACONESS HOME

The Deaconess Home began its activities on May 1, 1897, in a two-story building of twenty-five rooms, on the corner of Artesian Avenue and Le Moyne Street. The work carried on by the sisters grew to such an extent that it became necessary to rent rooms in adjoining buildings. The United Church realized that if the work was to become permanent, it was necessary to erect a special building. Six lots, at Haddon Avenue and Leavitt Street, were purchased, and a building was constructed. The new Home was completed on November 1, 1902.

The United Norwegian Church of America took over the management of the Home in 1904. From this time on, more and more women joined, and the present quarters became too small. A three-story building was then leased, but soon this building was also filled. The Church then decided to enlarge the present Hospital and Home. Construction was begun in 1909, and finished in 1910. The new building was dedicated on November 20, 1910.

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In 1898 only six sisters were connected with the institution. Today there are seventy-five sisters, who, in addition to their work in the Hospital, are active in nineteen stations and eight different fields--six hospitals, three stations in Madagascar, three stations in China, one children's home, one kindergarten, one home for the aged, four congregations, and one Jewish Mission. In 1897, 102 patients were admitted to the Deaconess Hospital. In 1911, there were 1,540 patients: A total of 7,863 patients have been admitted since the opening of the institution. In 1897, the income was \$3,237.82; for the past year, ending May 1, 1912, the total income was \$53,688.80

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 25, 1912.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

Financial Report

Income \$20,510.70

Expenses \$20,423.43

Treasurer's Report

Income \$20,775.39

Expenses \$19,729.43

Allotted to building fund \$1,000.00

Balance in treasury \$45.96

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Scandia, Oct. 21, 1911.

[TABITHA HOSPITAL TO HAVE BAZAAR]

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital is making good in every way, according to the quarterly report submitted at the last meeting of the board of directors.

All current bills were paid to date, the entire indebtedness on the building liquidated, and, although the hospital has thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars' worth of free treatment, there is still a nice nest egg in the building fund. The fund is on deposit in Haugan & Lindgren's State Bank of Chicago.

The hospital, which is no longer large enough in having become too small in view of the growing demands made upon it, is launching a campaign for funds for expansion. A bazaar is to be held next week (October 23 to October 28, inclusive), at Northwest Hall, corner of North and Western Avenues. Donations to the bazaar will be thankfully received at the Hospital and all friends are urged to attend the big bazaar. A continuous program of vocal and instrumental music will be given each day and evening.

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Scandia, Aug. 5, 1911..

/HOLD ANNUAL LAWN PARTY/

p.8....."Tabitha" hospital held its annual lawn party and auction in the spacious hospital grounds on Saturday June 29. Myriads of Japanese lanterns gave the grounds a truly festive appearance and the party itself proved to be a success financially and socially. Speakers during the evening included Senator Waage, Rev. Ring, Alderman Bielfus and others. Finn Simonsen composed an impromptu lyric that was highly appreciated and established him more strongly than ever as Chicago's, if not America's greatest Norwegian-American writer of lyrics.

Vocal and instrumental music was anything but scarce and during the auction of aprons the tinkling of cash in the coffer added another note that was music to the ears of the sponsors of the hospital.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 14, 1911.

THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL

The Deaconess Hospital is expanding and becoming more popular year by year. This is due, more than any other reason, to the efficient staff of surgeons assigned to the Hospital. A new executive board has been elected, a board that knows its business, one that will function as it should.

Following are the different boards and staffs, appointive or elective:

The executive board: Reverend N. J. Lockrem, chairman; Professor L. A. Vigness, vice-chairman; Reverend H. B. Kildahl, secretary; Haakon Thompson, treasurer; John P. Houland, John Johnson, M. A. Markesen, Reverend O. R. Espeseth, Reverend E. Mickaelson, ... H. Hegge, and Deaconess Ingerorg Sponland.

The managing executive committee: Reverend Lockrem, Mr. Houland, H. Thompson, Reverend Kildahl, and Deaconess Sponland.

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The physicians' staff: Dr. O.H. Berg, attending superintendent of the medical department; Drs. C. J. Hook, A. B. Oyen, N. T. Quaales, and Walsh. The surgical staff: Drs. J. R. Ballinger, Svenning Dahl, E. E. Henderson, and A. Holmboe.

Specialists: Drs. H. E. Hanson and H. J. Burwash, obstetricians; Dr. Nils E. Remmen, ophthalmologist; Dr. E. A. Fishkin, dermatologist; Dr. L. Harrison Mettler, neurologist; Dr. G. A. Torrison, laryngologist; Dr. Andreas Klovstad, skiagrapher; Dr. H. E. Eggen, pathologist; Dr. J. E. Kraft, pediatrician.

The visiting staff: Drs. H. H. Latimer, W. J. Moldenbauer, G. H. Moldenbauer, E. Schaubel, A. Stenerson, N. Dawson, E. Gunderson, J. W. Hanshus, A. W. Oyen, W. Shembei, Thomas Warloe, and G. Wedel.

A resolution was adopted to enlarge the paid, full-time staff by the addition of a skiagrapher and a pathologist.

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(Editorial)

p.4...The affairs of the Tabitha Hospital, financial and otherwise, seem to be in a real muddle and have been the subject of a great deal of newspaper comment and general discussion.

The May 14th issue of Skandinaven published the minutes of a meeting held on June 28, 1910, wherein we read that Mrs. Capt. Wm. Johnson was listed as treasurer of the hospital. We decided to interview this wonderful old lady and we learned that she had been told of her election, but no funds, records, or documents had been delivered into her keeping, nor had she ever been notified of any meetings of the executive board of the institution. She had been informed that records and documents were in the vaults of a bank, but, which bank was not mentioned. Needless to say, Mrs. Johnson refused to serve under these conditions and is resigning. Likewise, we

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Scandia, May 27, 1911.

learn that Dr. Qualess and Editor Grevstad, of Skandinaven, have resigned, refusing to let their names be linked with an institution whose affairs are kept secret from those named as officers and sponsors; nor will they permit themselves to be led by the nose without knowing what it is all about. Men as prominent and busy as these two do not connect with an enterprise for mere pleasure and certainly will not be a party to such deceit as seems to be the practice at the Tabitha Hospital.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), May 2, 1911.

THE DEACONESS HOME

The fourteenth annual celebration of the Deaconess Home and Hospital began last night. The program opened with graduation exercises for six deaconesses.

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The program included hymns by the congregation; prayer by Reverend C. K. Solberg; songs by the Sisters' Quartet, William Klemm, and Mrs. H. B. Kildahl; and speeches by Dr. A. Holmboe, Adolph Larsen, and the rector.

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Scandia, Apr. 29, 1911.NORWEGIAN[NURSES HOLD BAZAAR]

p.2.....The nurses' organization of the Norwegian Hospital opened a bazaar, on April 22, to establish a fund for "free-days" and "free-meals" to the needy. A good program is in progress at all times and prominent Norsemen are giving the affair their unstinted support. Consul General Ravn and Jens Skougard who have at all times shown great liberality toward and interest in this organization have again donated \$500.00 to the bazaar committee.

The cause for which this group is working is so well thought of that their bazaars and other arrangements for supplying funds have been given wholehearted support, not only by our Norwegian colony, but by an almost unbelievable number of Americans in every Scandinavian community. Indications are that the present bazaar will prove to be the greatest financial success this group has experienced. Scandia heartily recommends a good attendance for this good cause.

Scandia, Apr. 22, 1911.

DR. MARIE OLSEN AND THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

In the last issue of Skandinaven we read a quarterly report from the Tabitha Hospital, submitted by Dr. Marie Olsen. The report is made up of beautiful words and a few figures. It certainly would take a Philadelphia lawyer to understand it. Why not give a statement in clear language, confined to an account of the status of the hospital, telling us what it owes, and what its assets are? Instead of this Dr. Olsen raves about individuals who have merely done their duty.

Some time ago Dr. Olsen reported that "she wanted to build a new hospital". Now, in her April report, she says that she has changed her mind, and at the meeting of the board of directors and the trustees the matter is to be taken up again. Lest we forget, Dr. Marie Olsen appointed, more than a year ago, the straw men called "trustees"; they were not elected.

Senator Johan Lange resigned from the committee in a huff at the last

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meeting. Now we have Dr. Marie Olsen, president, Miss Olsen, head nurse, and Mr. Olsen, treasurer. This is the board of directors, and the board of trustees is the Olsen board.

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Following is the report, in part, of the quarterly meeting of the Tabitha Hospital Society:

The president, Dr. Marie A. Olsen, announced that two hundred patients were cared for in the last quarter; that the ladies' visiting committee has done good work, and takes its job very seriously.

Treasurer's Report

	Income
January	\$1,305.10
February	1,675.17
March	<u>2,015.15</u>
Total income	\$4,995.42

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	Expenses
January	\$1,543.90
February	1,652.21
March	<u>1,694.61</u>
	Total expense . . \$4,890.72
Balance in treasury	\$ 104.70

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DONATION DAY

Donation Day at the Tabitha Hospital was quite successful. Many donations were received in both money and supplies. It will now be possible to provide free care for quite a number of patients at the hospital. This method should be used regularly; it seems to work very satisfactorily.

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THE NEW DEACONESS HOME

The new Deaconess Home was dedicated yesterday. Delegates from all over the United States and Canada inspected the new Home and Hospital. Telegrams were received from all corners of the globe, congratulating the Deaconess Society on the completion of this enormous task. Reverend H. B. Kildahl functioned as master of ceremonies; the principal speakers were Reverend N. J. Ellestad, Reverend T. D. Dahl, and Professor J. N. Kildahl.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from Concordia College, Fargo, North Dakota; Luther Hospital, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and the sisters in a Deaconess home in Madagascar. Letters of congratulation were received from Sister Kristine Johnson, Hankow, China; the Augustana League, Chicago; the Bethesda Hospital and Deaconess Home, St. Paul; the Milwaukee Hospital, Milwaukee; the Mary Drexel Home, Philadelphia; the Lutheran Deaconess Board, Baltimore; the Sisters in Baltimore; the Hospital Society of the United Norwegian Church, Minneapolis; and the Deaconess Institute, Omaha.

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A Short History of the Deaconess Home

In 1885, in the Bethlehem Church, corner of Center Avenue and Huron Street, Reverend A. Mortensen, of Christiania, Norway, gave a lecture on the "Women's Draconia". This lecture started much discussion and activity.....A few months later a number of Norwegian Lutherans, mostly women, held a meeting and organized the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society. At first the activities of the Society were rather restricted, consisting in the collection of money, food, and clothing for the sick and needy. The scope of the activities broadened gradually, and soon a fund was being collected for the building of a home and a hospital.....

Later, factional strife developed, one faction wanting to work only for a hospital, the other faction wanting to build churches and homes [convents]. The latter group soon wanted to break away from the Society.

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The first group, after finally breaking away, organized a new society, known

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as the "Original Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society", and made the following change in the constitution: "The Society's purpose shall be to establish a Deaconess Home and Hospital."

In the spring of 1891 this group achieved considerable success, having at that time secured the services of three Deaconesses in the Norwegian Lutheran Institution of Minneapolis. These three sisters began to participate in the home mission work among the Norwegian Lutherans.

On November 3, 1891, a house was purchased on Humboldt Boulevard, and was named the "Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital". The first patient entered the Hospital on December 7, 1891. In 1893 the Home and Hospital was destroyed by fire.

The calamity broke the organization, financially and morally, but a new society was immediately organized by a few members who would not be defeated. This new group called themselves the Norwegian Tabitha Society. A building fund was again started, and a short while later the Deaconess Home was erected

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on the corner of Francisco and Thomas Streets. A split caused by factional strife soon occurred, and in 1895 the Society dissolved.

On February 17, 1896, a meeting was called in the old Bethel Church on Humboldt Street near Armitage Avenue, and the present organization was formed. The new name, the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Society, seemed to be more appropriate. The incorporators of the new Society were Dr. N. T. Quailes, Reverend A. C. Andersen, and Adolph Larsen. In 1897 the Society rented an eighteen-room building located on the corner of Artesian Avenue and Le Moyne Street. Later, an adjoining building was rented. This made available a total of twenty-five rooms, and thus the first Deaconess Home and Hospital was started.

The first sister superior came here from Christiania in July, 1897; she had charge of the Hospital until the middle of November. The Chicago climate was not agreeable to her, however, so that she returned to Norway. Sister Oberg from Minneapolis was then appointed sister superior.

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In 1890, six lots were purchased on the corner of Haddon Avenue and Leavitt Street where the present Hospital was erected. In 1901 the cornerstone was laid for the new building, and in 1902 the completed building was occupied. The building was dedicated on May 24, 1903 by Reverend T. H. Dahl, president of the United Lutheran Church in America. None of the pastors connected with the Lutheran Church would accept the post of rector at the Hospital. Finally, Reverend H. B. Kildahl, pastor of the Covenant Lutheran Church, accepted and became the institution's first rector. At the same time Sister Marie Larsen was appointed sister superior.

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In 1900, a committee elected by the United Church passed a resolution to the effect that the Church demand the control of the Hospital and the Home. The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home then set up a committee to discuss this matter. The Church gave its committee instructions to take possession of the Hospital as soon as the new building was completed. This was done some time in June, 1903.

In November, 1904, the United Church purchased the Hospital, and took up the

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work where the Deaconess Society left off. The Church also insisted that it have the authority to appoint both the rector and the sister superior.

At the annual meeting of the United Church in 1905, Sister Ingeborg Sponland was appointed sister superior. Sister Ingeborg accepted and took up her duties on May 22, 1906. Since that time the United Church has owned and managed the Hospital.

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In 1909 the cornerstone was laid for an addition to the Hospital. The new addition is being dedicated today.

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THE NORWEGIAN TABITHA SOCIETY

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital Society is giving a lawn party on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 31, on the grounds of the Hospital. A good program has been arranged.

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THE NORWEGIAN DEACONESS HOME

The board of directors of the Norwegian Deaconess Home met last Tuesday. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend C. Michaelson, of Rowe, Illinois.

The report of the previous meeting was read....and accepted, and the old board was thereupon dissolved. The new board was formed by the election of Adolph Larsen, chairman; Reverend Lockrem, vice-chairman; Reverend J. N. Kildahl, secretary; Haakon Thompson, treasurer....An executive committee was constituted and delegated to act as a building committee, and to serve as such until the building was completed.

The rector read the report on finances for May and June, together with the hospital report. The treasurer read his report, and all reports were approved and accepted. The rector's report on the progress of the work during the past two months, together with recommendations to the board of

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directors, is in part as follows:

At the annual meeting of the Norwegian United Church, the board of directors requested permission to start the construction of the new wing when one half of the amount needed had been subscribed. At the same annual meeting, the board of directors had been authorized to mortgage the property of the Deaconess Home for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the purpose of completing the building. It was also resolved to continue vigorously the collection of money for the building fund.

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The building committee had the plans ready for presentation to the board of directors.

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The rector reported that he had bought five lots adjacent to the property of the institution; at present the price of the lots was low. He had acted

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on a previous understanding with members of the board of directors.

This being the annual meeting of the board of directors, the election of the medical staff of the hospital was a topic of discussion. In order to bind the doctors more closely to the institution, the rector recommended that they be authorized to organize. Further, in view of the fact that there was a prospect of enlarging the hospital in the near future, he recommended that the medical staff be increased in some way or other; he presented several plans for such a staff expansion.

The rector further requested that he be again authorized to publish the annual report this year, and that Mother Ingeborg be granted a vacation of six weeks this year instead of the usual four weeks. The board of directors resolved to take up the rector's report for consideration.

Reverend C. J. M. Gronlid, of Jaternville, Illinois, was chosen as advisory member. It was resolved to elect the same physicians to the hospital staff

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who had served last year. [Translator's note: Names of these physicians omitted in translation.]

The following specialists were selected: Nils Remmen, eye specialist; E. A. Forehkin, epidermis specialist; G. A. Torrison, nose and throat specialist; L. H. Mittler, nerve specialist; H. C. Hanson, obstetrician; A. Klovstad, x-ray specialist; David Dans, pathologist.

The rector was directed to investigate the question of enlarging the medical staff, and to report to the next meeting of the board of directors. The medical staff was authorized to organize. A six-week vacation was granted Mother Ingeborg. The rector was granted a month's vacation. He was also authorized to publish the annual report.

The purchase of five lots by the rector was sanctioned by the members of the board acting as individuals, but not in their official capacity of

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board of directors, because the board had not been authorized to make the purchase. When these lots have been paid for, they will be presented to the Society as a gift.

Architect Richard E. Schmidt, of the firm Schmidt, Garden, & Martin, had arrived by this time, and the plans for the new wing of the Deaconess Home were taken up for consideration. The plans were adopted unanimously, and the building committee was instructed to seek bids for the construction of the wing as soon as possible, and also to arrange for a suitable mortgage loan on the property.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting of the board of directors when the contract for the erection of the new addition was to be let.

Reverend E. E. Tiller's term as a member of the board of directors having expired, it was resolved to have the secretary send him a letter of thanks

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for his long and faithful service as member and secretary of the board.

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THE NORWEGIAN TABITHA HOSPITAL SOCIETY
Quarterly Meeting

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital Society held its quarterly meeting last Tuesday evening. The attendance was not as good as had been expected. The president, Dr. Marie A. Olsen, presided at the meeting and gave a verbal report on the work at the Hospital during the quarter.

The following report of the secretary was read and accepted:

Receipts

Patients' fees	\$3,805.39
Surgeons' supplies	473.39
Special nursing	408.45
X-Ray laboratory	28.60
Gifts	2.00
Total	<u>\$4,717.83</u>

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Expenses during quarter	\$4,494.55
Balance in treasury	<u>223.28</u>
Total	\$4,717.83

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The president read a comprehensive survey of the condition and progress of the Hospital, especially during the past six years. It was resolved to have the president's survey printed at some later date to be announced.

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THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN DEACONESS HOME
Reports Are Encouraging

On Tuesday, February 9, the board of directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home held its regular quarterly meeting at the Home. The usual reports were read and accepted. It was resolved that the superintendent start the publishing of a paper for the institution. A message of thanks was forwarded to King Haakon VII of Norway for the gift he had sent the Home. A committee was appointed to receive bids for the erection of the new building.

From the report of the superintendent it appeared that the Home had made good progress along all lines. Three ladies' societies in various parts of the city are working for the Deaconess Society. Seven new sisters have been accepted since the last meeting of the board of directors. A probationary sister was compelled to withdraw on account of illness in her family. Sister Hannah Hermandson has taken up the work as Sister Superior at the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home in Brooklyn, New York.

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The financial report of the superintendent gave the following facts:



Income

Patients	\$3,669.25
Dressing materials	597.75
Private care	495.30
X ray	171.00
Advertisements in annual report	10.00
Instruments	2.25
Ladies aid societies	980.88
The building fund	540.60
Stations	1,643.21
Donations	<u>1,055.94</u>
Total income to treasurer	9,166.18

The treasurer's report presented the following facts:

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Income

In treasury, November 1, 1908	\$964.33
Received from the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home	<u>9,166.18</u>
Total	\$10,130.51

Expenses

Interest	\$690.21
Debt paid	500.00
Meat	400.64
Milk	305.17
Fuel	547.94
Ice	59.55
Groceries	1,232.94
Surgical instruments	135.98
Repairs	172.46
Gas and oil	169.39

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Superintendent's salary	\$300.00
Paper, printing, postage	340.23
Drugs	212.15
Bandage material	243.93
X ray	153.70
Sisters' salaries	1,533.80
Rent	244.98
Insurance	18.00
Servants' wages	1,029.23
Furniture and furnishings	201.41
Traveling expenses	125.71
Refund to patients	37.00
Telephone	33.46
Fish	82.09
Exchange	2.30
Paid on real estate	750.00
Books	46.31



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Sundry Expenses	\$166.26
Total	\$9,734.84

In treasury February, 1909 \$395.65

The Hospital report presented the following facts:

Number of patients at the Hospital on November 1, 1908:

Surgical cases	25
Medical cases	6
	<u>31</u>
Males	10
Females	21
Paying in full	25
Paying in Part	1
Non Paying	5

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Patients entered at the Hospital during the quarter:

Surgical cases	175
Medical cases	38
Males	107
Females	106
Paying in full	192
Paying in part	8
Non-paying	13
Total Patients	213

Patients dead through quarter:

Surgical cases	5
Medical cases	9

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Males	8
Females	6
Paying in full	12
Paying in part	1
Non-paying	1
Total	14
Patients discharged	186
Paying in full	168
Paying in part	4
Non-paying	13

In Hospital on January 31, 1909:



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Surgical cases	36
Medical cases	8
Males	17
Females	27
Paying in full	36
Paying in part	3
Non-paying	5
Total	44
Number of patients treated	244
Hospital days paid in full	3,260
Hospital days, free	602
Free hospital days paid from the Poor Fund . .	136
Total hospital days	3,726



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Operations	139
Bandagings	1,462
Births	14



From the reports of the sisters it appears that they had made 1,014 visits to poor and sick people; that they had distributed amounts of food, clothing, and money to needy people; and, in addition, they have assisted many ill, needy people with their housework and nursing.

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THE DEACONESS HOME

....The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home received a beautiful piece of tapestry from King Haakon VII of Norway. The tapestry weave is based on a drawing by the Norwegian artist Gerhard Munthe, and the weaving was done by the Norwegian Society for Art Industry.

Everybody concerned agrees that the Home must not dispose of the royal gift. The intention is to have the finest room in the Home named "King Haakon's Room" and the tapestry given by the King is to decorate a wall in this room.

Since, however, the tapestry was given to the bazaar which was held last fall for the benefit of the Home, it is being planned to....exhibit the piece at the Home on January 22....visitors' fee to be twenty-five cents. In addition to seeing the piece of tapestry the visitors will be served light refreshments, all for the twenty-five cents.

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Many people have expressed surprise at the interest shown by the King in the Deaconess Home, since the work connected with the Home is comparatively new and but little known among Norwegians here. The reason is to be sought in theattitude of King Haakon's grandmother, Queen Louise of Denmark, toward the deaconess movement in that country. In 1863 she started the Danish deaconess home movement. The Deaconess Home in Copenhagen, Denmark is a very large building or rather a cluster of buildings. In front of the main building is placed a statue of Queen Louise. This is the reason for King Haakon's interest in the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess movement in Chicago.

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TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital Society met last night. The president, Dr. Marie Olsen, called the meeting to order, and spoke at length on the financial status of the Hospital. The superintendent of nurses submitted the following report:

In the last three months the Hospital had 41 patients from the last quarter, and 141 new patients, a total of 188 [182]. Of these, 165 were paying in full; the remainder were charity patients or were paying in part.

The superintendent's report shows that the income of the Hospital for the quarter was \$4,534.30 and that expenses totaled \$3,821.67. The treasurer's report shows an income of \$4,826.47 and a total expense of \$3,981.05. [An itemized list of income and expenditures is given.]

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TABITHA IN 1907

The following doctors have been added to the staff at the Tabitha Hospital in 1907: Doctors Franklin H. Martin, M. H. Luken, Theodore Ticken, E. A. Fishkin, Nils Remmen, Charles Moore, G. M. Schaubel, Theodore Wild, Jr., Joseph Pendergrast, H. M. Wardle, Thomas Warloe, Martin Olesen, James K. Bartholmew, Louis Pritzen, L. O. Mathew, and A. B. Oyen.

The financial report is as follows:

Income

Income from patients	315,719.48
Bazaar	1,092.16
Dues--membership	292.50
Donations	259.40
Total	<u>\$17,363.54</u>





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Expenses

General expense.	\$16,360.50
Paid loan	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$17,360.50</u>

Donations

W. B. Leenay, groceries	\$20.00
Telephone Company	51.22
Mrs. Thorvirad	25.00
Mrs. Iver Anderson	3.00
Total	<u>\$79.22</u> <u>[sic]</u>

Report of Superintendent of Nurses

New Year's ball	\$208.22
Church concert	123.00
Steamer excursion	102.00
Total	<u>\$433.00</u> <u>[sic]</u>

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Expenses

Carpets for Hospital	\$276.00
Curtains	42.95
Repairs	92.00
Donations	22.05
Total	<u>\$433.00</u>

Treasurer's Report

Income

January	\$1,309.90
February	1,502.53
March	1,708.07
April	1,717.83
May	1,517.33
June	1,290.46



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July	\$1,176.30
August	1,026.73
September	1,203.25
October	1,205.50
December	1,039.30
Bazaar	1,092.16
Dues	292.50
Donations	259.40
Cash on hand, January 1, 1907.	8.38
Total.	\$17,371.93 [sic]

Expenses

January	1,321.17
February	1,389.17
March	1,350.96
April	1,506.15
May	1,499.77
June	1,267.45



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July	\$1,248.79
August	1,243.49
September	1,414.24
October	1,627.08
November	1,267.34
December	1,224.89
Paid out on loan	1,000.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1907	11.43
Total	<u>\$17,371.93</u>



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Skandinaven, July 18, 1907.

THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL

The Medical Staff is holding its annual meeting and electing officers.

Dr. N. T. Quailes was re-elected president of the staff for the coming year. Dr. E. J. Hook was elected vice-president, Dr. J. V. Fowler, secretary. Rector Kildahl gave the information that at the annual conference of the United Lutheran Church it was decided to collect one hundred thousand dollars, part of which was earmarked for the completion of the Deaconess Hospital in Chicago.

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Skandinaven, October 10, 1906.

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Tabithas quarterly business meeting was a pleasant affair. President Dr. Marie Olsen reported that in the last three months, improvements for the sum of \$800.00 had been made and that \$1000.00 had been paid on the mortgage, leaving a balance of \$3000.00 as the total debt on the hospital property. Miss Bella Olsen, secretary, verified the president's statements as correct.



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Skandinaven, October 11, 1905.

TABITHA SOCIETY MEETS

The Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society had its quarterly meeting in Tabitha Hospital. The different reports for the past **three months** were read and verified. The net income for the three month **period** was \$717.35.

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Scandia, Mar. 12, 1904.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

Dr. A. Rommen and about one hundred members of the Tabitha Hospital Society has requested the States Attorney to start a "quo warranto" case and declare illegal the election of Dr. Valborg Sogn as director and Dr. Marie Olsen as president of the Hospital.

The legal issue was that the constitution of the Society states that representation on the Hospital Board must be equally divided among the branches, and that the Norway Branch had more representation than was legal.

It was requested that a committee be set up to write new bylaws; and this was accepted. Attorney John Waage suggested Henry A. Haugan and Nicolay Grevstad, but this caused a great storm of protest. Mr. Waage asked if Dr. Marie Olsen was willing to resign. Several members recommended that both Waage and Olsen resign.

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Scandia, Jan. 30, 1904.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The complete returns of the election of officers to the Tabitha Hospital Society show the following results: Dr. Marie Olsen, president; Mrs. Valborg Lund, vice-president; Miss Bella Olsen, secretary; Johan Waage, treasurer; executive committee: J. Waage, chairman; Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. K.M. Hagland, [Matthew] Pedersen and Dr. Marie Olsen; tenants' committee: Miss Bella Olsen, Dr. Valborg Sogn, and Mrs. M. Thompson.

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Scandia, Jan. 30, 1904.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

A reader asks, "Is the financial report of the Tabitha Hospital Society false?" It is rather suspicious that Dr. Marie Olsen refused to recognize any delegate who did not belong to her faction. There must be a reason.

And, fortunately, she has been unable to silence the press; so we may give the people some facts.

It was reported at the convention that the Hospital owed \$420 to the Jefferson Ice Company, and that no other unpaid bills were outstanding.

The reader who questioned the honesty of the report handed us the following unpaid bills: The Kuecher Coal Company, \$349.38; Truax Greene and Company (Drugs and Sundries), \$195.71; John Sexton (Groceries), \$22.55; and the Physicians Drug and Supply Company, \$65.66. The bills total to \$633.30, and in addition there is a court order for \$72.52; and a bill of \$15 from Nordahl and Olsen

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for nurses' graduation pins. Another thing that did not appear in the report was the sale of the lots on which the Hospital is built, for street assessments.

We find that the total debts of the Hospital amount to \$1200, and the report only shows \$420. The reader who brought this to our attention was Mr. Henry Rommen, whose honesty can not be doubted.

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Scandia, Jan. 23, 1904.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

Before the Battle

There are only 404 members in the Tabitha Hospital Society who are eligible to vote at the coming convention.

The branches have representation, but it is not of a very democratic nature. Some of the branches with a small membership have a greater representation than several of the larger branches. This is not a sound situation.

We hope that the convention will run smoothly with less strife and better results. It is about time that the factional differences are ironed out.

When Women Are at War

At about 9 P.M. last Tuesday, Dr. Marie A. Olsen, the president of the Society, called the convention to order. By order of the fire department the meeting

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place had, as usual, been cleared of all combustible material, but no law could cool the hot tempers at the convention. The reporters from various newspapers were removed from the stage, possibly in order to make more room for the warriors. Dr. Marie Olsen, has no love for the press, and she tried to place the reporters as far away from the "scene of action" as possible. The reporters from Skandinaven were seated where nothing could be seen or heard; they did not try to cover the meeting at all, and promptly fell asleep. Scandia's reporter was placed closer to the stage, and though he could hear, he could see nothing of the "battleground".

There was, at the opening of the session, about 350 people present, about two-thirds of them women. Some 50 visitors were seated in the gallery.

The president declared that the first thing to do was to appoint a chairman for the meeting. This caused a great deal of confusion (according to parliamentary law the president cannot make any motions while in the chair). Mr. John Waage jumped to his feet and started to talk about the finances of the Hospital,

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trying to confuse the issue still more. Soon every one was yelling. Dr. Anders Doe could finally be heard saying, "Are we **going to** be railroaded? Will nomination from the chair be permitted?" Dr. Marie Olsen banged away with her gavel, and other voices could be heard yelling "Mr. Waage cannot make motions".

C. E. Fage grabbed Waage by the arm and tried to drag him away, asking him to be "parliamentary".

Mr. Waage became angry and yelled, "Police! Police! Keep your hands off me!" An officer appeared, but one officer could do nothing among 350 people. Dr. Olsen called the wagon, but this all took time. (This is the usual procedure at a Tabitha Hospital Society convention.)

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Finally some order was restored, and L. Kirkery was elected chairman.

We will not waste space on the greater part of the meeting, but will attempt

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to bring out some of the most important things that transpired.

Finally, after the arrival of an entire squad of police the balloting proceeded.

When the result was announced, it was as expected.

The following were elected as directors; Dr. Marie Olsen, Dr. Valborg Sogn, Miss Bella Olsen, Mrs. A. Johnson, and Mrs. F. Hammer. (All women.)

Auditors were: John M. Pedersen, Marius Kirkeby, and Lars Johansen.

The Visiting committee is composed of the following: Mrs. Emma Thaisen, Mrs. Emma Royalson, Mrs. Emma Makian, Mrs. Henrietta Mathiesen, Miss Hilda Pettersen, Mrs. Dr. A. Doe, Mrs. C. Sökup, Mrs. Anton Strand, Mr. T. E. Newgard, Mrs. Ole Gullixson, and Mrs. Louisa Morck.

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The results were that practically the same people were re-elected; and the reason: poor representation from large branches and good representation from the smaller branches.

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/DEDICATE DEACONESS HOME/
(Summary)

The new Norwegian Deaconess Home will be dedicated tomorrow by the Rev. Th. Wahl, President of the United Church. The new home was opened for business last November, 1902, but has not been completed until now. The hospital is located on the corner of Madison Avenue and Leavitt Street.



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THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL

We reported three or four weeks ago that Dr. Svernins Dahl (Dane) was asked to resign from the staff of the Hospital. It was reported today that Dr. Dahl had been reinstated as chief surgeon. But after investigating the rumor we find that this is not true. We also find that two other surgeons have been appointed to the staff, and the patients who have no confidence in Dr. Dahl will not be forced to be under his care.

We will not discuss Dr. Dahl's qualifications or lack of qualification, or what he has learned or forgotten since he graduated.

We know he is a great butcher, we beg pardon, surgeon, but we are not so sure of his ability to diagnose.

We also criticize Dr. Dahl's bull-like manner and his rude treatment of

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patients and Deaconesses alike. And, not to forget, he certainly is not capable as the head of a hospital. Just one example is enough to prove it:

Early last summer a young Norwegian was admitted to the Hospital. A cousin of this youngster wired the parents in Norway for money. The money arrived with a request to summon a doctor as quickly as possible. The cousin went to Dahl and asked that he attend the young fellow, and also that he call in a specialist. Dr. Dahl, who was very offended, shouted, "I don't need any assistance, I know as much as any damn specialist." Using Holberg's statement to conclude: "The fever left the patient; he died."

Dr. Qualess has also resigned from the Hospital; and has attached himself to Tabitha (Hospital). We wonder why?

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THE TABITHA CASE

The Tabitha case has been thrown out of Judge Tuley's court. The Judge gave the attorneys thirty days to appeal. The charge against the Sandberg group is "Diversion of Trust"; Judge Tuley declared that the charge, as stated, had not been proved, because he felt that the faction involved had acted in accordance with the purpose of the Tabitha Society as outlined in its constitution.

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The Judge also said that the constitution did not give the church (Synod) the right to make religion the issue at the Hospital. He then discontinued the case "for want of equity".

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The counsel for the Synod made a motion to take the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Clarence Darrow voiced the opinion that an appeal was impractical because no decision would be reached in less time than a year.

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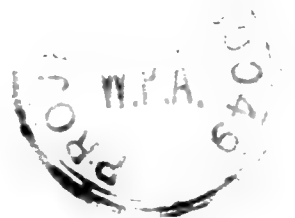
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THE TABITHA CASE

The Tabitha Hospital case is now before the courts. The case against Mr. Stoltenberg came up in Judge Tulley's court Monday afternoon, but a continuance was granted until next Tuesday. The attorney for the complainant is Mr. Frank A. Johnson; the attorneys for the defense are Johan Waage and Clarence Darrow.

Darrow proved to the satisfaction of the court that neither Dr. Carl Sandberg nor anyone else had started the movement to oust the directors representing the Synod. It is expected that a decision will be made in the case Tuesday when Clarence Darrow and Frank A. Johnson will sum up the case.



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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The two boards of directors [the Sandberg and the Synod factions] of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held a joint meeting at Wicker Park Hall last Tuesday. Although few members were present, business was transacted as usual.

The president, H. Stoltenberg, called the meeting to order, and the secretary, Mr. Rommen, read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting. The president pointed out that the affairs of the hospital had improved, even though the financial status was about the same.

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The credit of the hospital is sufficient to carry on, and with the income from bazaars and other affairs, and the legacy of \$2,000 left by Mr. George F. Bessesen the board felt that many improvements could be accomplished.

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The secretary read the financial report as follows:

Overhead Expenses

Medicines, bandages, etc.	\$514.46
Groceries	619.68
Meat, fish, etc.	486.33
Milk	170.34
Wood and fuel	122.98
Gas and electricity	156.30
Telephone	47.37
Ice	56.00
Wages	672.50
Incidentals	262.29
Total overhead	\$3,108.25



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Special Expenses

Interest on loan.	\$137.50
Redecorating.	63.02
Repairs, plumbing, etc.	35.75
Lawyers' fees.	250.00
Total special expenses.	<u>\$ 486.27</u>

The cashier, Johan Waage, gave the following report:

Income

April: from patients.	\$927.25
Miscellaneous55
	<u>\$927.80</u>
May: from patients, Logan Branch.	980.85

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June: from patients, dues from branches.	\$1,856.93
Total income.	\$3,765.58
Cash on hand.	87.47
	<u>\$3,853.05</u>

Expenses

April: paid out.	\$ 626.64
May: paid out.	1,268.84
June: paid out	<u>1,733.80</u>
Total expenses.	\$3,629.28
Cash on hand, June 30, 1902.	233.77

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The new board of directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held its first meeting last Tuesday evening. According to the report given, forty-nine patients were treated in the month of February. It was decided that all monies collected must be paid to the treasury of the hospital, and that all dues be credited to each individual member paying dues, all such credits to be used to defray the expenses in the event that these members enter the hospital for treatment. A motion was made and carried that Dr. Karl Sandberg be made head surgeon of the hospital.

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Mr. Stibolt, having refused to serve on the board of directors, was discussed, and a committee was appointed to call on him to determine whether or not he wished to serve. A decision was made that his office be declared vacant until

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the committee turned in its report.

The chairman asked for nominations to fill vacancies on the board.

Mrs. Wm. B. Johnson, K. M. Hogland, and Dr. Karl Sandberg were elected.

Dr. Sandberg, however, was elected to serve temporarily.

The following resolution was passed:

The board of directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society record their profound regret at the death of Dr. Christian Fenger, which occurred in the city on March 7, 1902. The lamented deceased held the position of chief surgeon of the Tabitha Hospital since 1895 and up to the time of his death.

The world knew his distinguished ability and accorded him a place among the world's leaders in his great profession. But we know also the tender-

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ness of his heart and the breadth of his exalted humanity. The afflicted and suffering never needed wealth to secure his kindest care and solicitude. This board and our hospital were honored by his official connection, as the inmates of the hospital were blessed by his invaluable services.

We beg to tender to his bereaved family our most sincere sympathy, and we fervently pray that God may strengthen and comfort them in their great affliction.

The secretary is hereby directed to forward to the beloved wife of our dear friend and engrossed copy of the foregoing expression.

H. N. Stoltenberg, president.

H. Rommen, secretary.

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[THE TABITHA HOSPITAL]

The following resolution was passed by the board of directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society at the death of Dr. Christian Fenger (Dane).

"We, the members of the board of directors of the Tabitha Hospital Society, feel the great loss at the death of Dr. Christian Fenger, who for years has served at this Hospital. His demise will be felt by all, co-workers and patients and friends. We are grateful for his untiring efforts to build this institution. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his bereaved family.

C. F. Arnei, president
H. A. Stibolt, secretary"



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Feb. 19, 1902.

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[Answer to the Proposal by the Synod Faction]

We, the undersigned, believe that part of the proposal made by you can be used in a settlement of the present conflict. But we feel we cannot agree to a special meeting because such a meeting would only increase the split within the Society.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the slate elected was elected on a democratic basis, and gives each branch the representation to which it is entitled. In the event that a special meeting be called, we know that the results would be the same, and practically the same officers elected.

We can, of course, set up a counter proposal because we do agree on many of the points in your proposal. We cannot, of course, agree that any group or faction shall have control of the Society. As it stands now both factions are equally represented with an equal amount of neutral and nonpartisan members.

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Yours truly,

Marie A. Olsen

Harry Rommen

Johan Waage



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Scandia, Feb. 8, 1902.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Hospital Society called a meeting last Tuesday through its vice-president, Dr. Marie A. Olsen. Dr. Olsen called the meeting because of the resignation of the president. Only seven members attended. This not being a quorum, the meeting adjourned and another meeting was called for the following Friday.

The Synod faction left the above-mentioned [Friday] meeting and called their own meeting at Our Savior's Church. When they arrived at the church to attend the meeting, a boy began to distribute leaflets. The leaflets read as follows:

"Peace!!

"Avoid Factional Strife and Legal Litigation!

Work in Unity and Understanding.

Vote for a Peace Committee."

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The distribution of these handbills did not last very long. Some individual, "loyal to the Synod," confiscated the leaflets and threw them into the church furnace. The "loyal" few who attended, piously called the meeting to order and elected Dr. J. M. Meyer chairman and Dr. M. Unseth secretary. After a short time, about an hour, three hundred people had shown up, many loyal to the faction, others through curiosity. Of the Hospital staff we saw Doctors Oyen, Holmboe, Renmen, Berg, Rasmussen, Torrison, Unseth, Meyer, Hektoen, and Warloe.

At the beginning the meeting all was peaceful, but it was not long before strife began in this "holy" faction. The reports of standing committees and officers were finally read. The secretary reported that this meeting had been advertised for three consecutive days in Skandinaven, the only paper friendly to the Synod group. Several reports were read by the executive committee and the "spiritual" committee.

The meeting then proceeded to elections. After a stormy hour or two, the

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following were elected as directors:

Mrs. William Johnson, Mrs. Andrew Petersen, Henry A. Haugan, H. Stiboldt, and K. E. Edwards. Just before adjournment, it was reported that the opposing faction had put two guards at the Hospital, but no one could report whether these guards were sworn in as special police or as deputy sheriffs. The meeting was then peacefully (?) adjourned.

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Scandia, Jan. 25, 1902.

THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The annual convention of the Tabitha Hospital Society was held last Tuesday at Schoenhofen's Hall. Dr. [Oscar] Torrison, president of the Society, presided.

The first dispute arose when someone asked for a temporary chairman, and nominated Dr. Oyen. Dr. Carl Sandberg then nominated Attorney Stoltenberg.

Dr. Torrison ignored Sandberg's nomination and declared Dr. Meyer elected. The result was that the secretary took the chair and proceeded in a legal and democratic way with the nominations. Attorney Stoltenberg was then officially elected.

This did not meet with the approval of the other faction, so the battle was on again. This faction suggested that the ballot be secret this time. Dr. Marie Olsen, who had taken the chair, nominated K. M. Hasland and Captain H. Mikkelsen,

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and they promptly declared themselves elected. Finally, after an hour or two had been wasted, order was restored. The election results were finally made "public". The following directors were elected for a term of three years: Mrs. M. Pedersen, Mrs. G. Isaacson, H. Stiboldt (who defeated Henry H. Haugan), John Waage, and H. N. Stoltenberg. The directors who retained office were Dr. Marie Olsen, C. T. Arnet, H. Rommen, Reverend Bleken, and Miss Belle Olsen.

The result was a complete defeat of the "spiritual" committee.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society was organized in 1885 by eight women. It was resolved for the **time** being to meet every Tuesday. The Society was to sew clothing for the needy and charge dues of five cents per month. One third of the dues were set aside for the building of a home to care for poor and needy people who were sick. Mrs. Caroline Clement was elected president, Miss Maria Noroos, secretary, and Mrs. Louise Johnson, treasurer. The other organizers were Mrs. Maria Ursin, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Kaia Thime, and Miss Christina Brown.

The Society grew, and in 1888 the program was changed to include the building of a hospital and a Deaconess home, but in 1889 a majority **decided** to work only for the building of a hospital. It was also decided that the board would consist of **eighteen men**. Women were, therefore, taboo on the board. This caused a split, and many of the older members quit the Society and

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organized the "Original Tabitha Society". In February, 1891, the "Original" called the Sisters Amalia, Martha, and Maria from the Deaconess Home in Minneapolis, and then bought a frame building at 190 [old number] Humboldt Street. On December 1, 1891 the Deaconess Home and Hospital was opened in this building. Sister Amalia was head Deaconess. In August, 1892, Sister Maria died, but the other two carried on. In August, 1893, the Home and Hospital burned to the ground. Before the fire that destroyed all the property of the Society, negotiations had been started to amalgamate the two Tabitha Societies, and on June 7, 1892, this was done at Our Savior's church.

On June 3, 1892, the cornerstone of the new hospital was laid. On October 24, the new hospital was dedicated. The Society elected the following board in April, 1894: Oscar L. Torrison, A. P. Johnson, Captain John Anderson, P. O. Skarden, John Kalheim, and Dr. [Niles T.] Quales. Later there was another split, one group wanting trained nurses in the Hospital, another group insisting that practical nurses were good enough. On December

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26, Miss Martha Ellingsen was appointed superintendent of nurses and Sisters Amalia and Martha refused to work under her.

At the convention in 1895, the question of "Deaconess" or "Norwegian Hospital" was to be decided. This caused a lengthy discussion and nearly brought about another split.

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LABITHA HOSPITAL SOCIETY

At the annual convention of the Norwegian Labitha Hospital Society the following gentlemen were elected to office: Dr. Karl Sandberg, president; Harry Rommen, secretary.

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Because of factional trouble, there was much discussion and "fighting".

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The financial report, given by the secretary, read as follows:

Paid-up membership 1,000



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Assets

Real property	\$32,972.71
Inventory	3,730.61
Cash on hand, treasurer	271.55
Cash on hand, superintendent	9.70
Cash on hand, medical staff	77.00
Cash on hand, branches	215.80
	<u>\$37,276.83/sic/</u>

Liabilities

Mortgage	\$5,000.00
Other debts	<u>1,783.05</u>
	\$6,783.05

General Expenses

Wages	\$2,600.00
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Medicine	\$1,376.61
Groceries	2,716.15
Meats, fish, etc.	1,437.06
Milk	615.32
Fuel	768.52
Gas and electricity	526.73
Ice	241.94
Telephone	167.22
Miscellaneous	843.03
	<u>\$11,292.58</u>

Special Expenses

Nurses	\$600.00
Rent: nurse's home	236.40
Interest on mortgages on hand	275.00
Paving of street	195.91



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Insurance	\$18.00
Fire hose, etc.	20.00
	<u>\$1,345.31</u>

The delegates from the various branches gave the following income report:

Norge Branch	\$289.00
North Avenue Branch	293.00
Erie Avenue <u>[sic]</u> Branch	228.75
Northwestern Branch	198.50
California Branch	151.00
Odin Branch	150.00
Logan Square Branch	55.75
Viking Branch	45.95
Lake View Branch	35.00
Fram Branch	8.35
	<u>\$1,455.30</u>

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The following motion, made by H. A. Haugen, was killed by a vote of 380 to 349:
"A majority of the board of directors shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America."

Several of those present at the meeting walked out in protest, claiming the proceeding to be unparliamentary. It was proposed that a meeting be held in Vor Frelzers Kirke [Our Saviors Church] on February 4, at 7:30 P. M.



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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Hospital Society at its last meeting elected Dr. J. H. Meyer president; Dr. Thomas Warlde, vice-president; Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen, secretary.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Hospital Society accomplished a great deal in the late 90's. They organized a Children's Home where they had about sixty children at the end of 1899. It seemed that in every other line of activity the Society had "smooth sailing," but in the Hospital and Deaconess Home enterprises there always seemed to be factional strife. We lay much of the discontent to Skandinaven. This excuse of a paper has always stretched the facts in its editorials, and in April, 1900, it stated that "people believed the Hospital to be of Synod constitution". Statements such as these are not exactly true, and cause a great deal of misunderstanding.

The Hospital started with a debt of \$7,000, of which \$2,000 was later paid, leaving \$5,000 and a recent debt of \$2,700 still outstanding. But the assets today are quite satisfactory: the grounds are worth \$7,400; buildings, \$25,487; inventory, \$3,600. In 1900 there was a profit of \$68.10.

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The pastors of the Synod have been bitter and have blocked much of the progress. They maintain that the Synod should have full control of the Hospital. Reverend Preus stated at the anniversary of the "Original" that it was impossible to work together, just as impossible as to raise priests in pants together with priestesses in skirts. Dr. Carl Sandberg recommends the dissolving of the "spiritual" committee. He suggested a broad committee of both laymen and pastors.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL SOCIETY

Fifty members of the Tabitha Hospital Society called a special meeting to elect a nominations committee in accordance with the bylaws of the Society. The meeting was held last Sunday at Scandia Hall; three hundred people were present. The pastors of the Synod churches had warned their congregations against attending this meeting, but many church people showed up just the same. Attorney Stoltenberg was elected chairman for the evening, and H. Rommen was elected recorder.

Dr. Carl Sandberg showed, with colored diagrams, how the last convention was illegal because the constitution called for a representation of all the branches of the Society, and this had not been the case. The Erie Branch, the smallest, had the greatest representation, and the Norge Branch, the largest, had no representation, and this year's nominations committee had tried the same stunt. The president of the Society, Dr. Oscar Torrison, rose to declare the present meeting illegal because neither president nor secretary could call a special

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meeting; this could only be done by the entire executive board. Attorney John Waage replied by saying that "the entire fault was with the board; they had broken the constitution of the Society and had laid themselves open to arrest, and the membership could force the board to abide by the Society's laws, by taking out a writ of mandamus." Dr. [Anders] Doe had nothing to do with the calling of the special meeting. A nominations committee was elected. It is composed of Captain John Anderson, Attorney Waage, and Dr. Sandberg.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL SOCIETY

by

Dr. Karl Sandberg

The nominations committee, which named candidates for election at the last annual meeting of the Hospital Society, apparently was not acquainted with or attentive to the constitution of the Society, and this fact has caused us considerable trouble. Out of the seven members (one from each branch) who should have been elected to the nominations committee for the present year, because of the mistake referred to, two were not elected at all, and only three were elected legally. One of these afterwards left the city and when the committee convened only two of the members present had been elected legally. These two, together with two of those who had been elected illegally, and three who have been elected by the above-mentioned four, have constituted a sort of a nominations committee. Since the origin of this committee was contrary to the constitution of the Society, all the work undertaken by this committee will naturally be illegal.



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In order to correct these irregularities, fifty of the members of the Society requested that the board of directors call a special meeting of the Society. It is to be regretted that the board of directors did not comply with the request although it is obliged, under the laws, to do so. On account of this the difficulties to be overcome are now greater than before; there is the danger that every election at the coming annual meeting will be illegal and thus there will be no end to the troubles. Would it not be better to correct the wrongs while there is still time?

If the nominations committee made a mistake last year, thereby inducing the Society to commit an error, these errors can be corrected. This, however, can of course only be done by the Society itself. Under any circumstances the Society ought to convene in special meeting to deliberate as to what course of action to take.

The board of directors has no right to omit calling such special meeting. The pretext that, in the opinion of the board of directors, such a special



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meeting can accomplish nothing good and might even do something illegal does not avail; the board of directors is obliged under the laws "to call the Society for special meeting whenever twenty-five of the regular members of the Society make request in writing for such special meeting". It will then be up to the Society itself to determine whether the proposals presented by the twenty-five members in question be good or bad; the board of directors cannot decide on this in advance. The fact that a man has been elected as a member of the board of directors, or even elected as the chairman of the board, does not imply that this man has been imbued with the highest degree of wisdom and infallibility, making it permissible for him to disregard the laws, making incompetents of all the members of the Society which elected him. The safe course for the board of directors as well as for the individual members is to respect the laws of the Society and comply with them.

If the laws have been broken, as at present in regard to the nominations committee, the authority which is able to decide what to do and how to act in order to correct the errors made naturally reposes in the Society. It can

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lead to no good if individuals, whether members of the board of directors or of the nominations committee, make efforts to force upon the Society their opinions or their will.



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TABITHA HOSPITAL

The board of directors of the Tabitha Hospital Society held its regular meeting last Tuesday. Eleven members of the board were present. The report from the superintendent of the Hospital showed that sixty-three patients have been cared for at the Hospital in November. During the month there were 1,021 patient days, of which 668 have been fully paid for, and 353 have been free or partly paid for. The total income from patients was \$848.30.

The treasurer's report for November shows:

Income

Membership fees - - - - -	\$ 60.63
Patients' fees - - - - -	789.93
Miscellaneous - - - - -	5.57
Lawn Party - - - - -	76.00
Donation from H. A. Haugan - - - - -	100.00
Donation from Norwegians' Singing Society -	25.00
Donation from Studebaker Mfg. Co. - - - -	10.00
Other donations - - - - -	93.00



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Balance from October - - - - - \$ 264.51

Total Income - - - - - \$1,449.64 [sic]

Expenses - - - - - 1,209.66

In treasury, December 1 - - - - - \$ 239.66 [sic]

Among the expenses is included \$137.50 for interest on the Hospital's \$5,000 mortgage to Mrs. R. Schwarz....

Information was received that in addition to the above-mentioned gifts, \$85 had been received in small contributions, and that Mr. A. T. Lindberg had increased his subscription to fifty dollars....

Mr. Rommen reported that he had succeeded in having installed, without cost to the Hospital, a large automatic laundry washer which would make the laundry work at the Hospital easier and less expensive.



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The following request, signed by fifty members of the Hospital Society, was read:

"To the Board of Directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society of Chicago:

"We, the undersigned members do hereby request that you call a meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society for Sunday, January 5, 1902, 2:30 P. M. at Scandia Hall, for the purpose of constituting a nominating committee in conformity with the constitution, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed of interest to the Society."

A motion was made and adopted that the board of directors accede to the request. The secretary, Mr. Rommen, stated that the board was compelled under the constitution to do as requested. The paragraph of the constitution that deals with the question was read. It is as follows:

"The board of directors is to call special meetings of the Society whenever it



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is so requested in writing by twenty-five regular members of the Society."

Messrs. J. Oleson, Carlson, Egeland, Reverend Bleken, and Dr. Torrison spoke in opposition to the calling of the meeting. Dr. Torrison declared that according to his understanding of the constitution, the annual meeting was the only place where the nominations committee could be legally elected. The present nomination committee, he said, was elected at the annual meeting in January, and if the board of directors now complied with the request to call a special meeting for the purpose mentioned, it would be calling a meeting for the avowed purpose of undertaking an illegal act.

After a brief discussion during which it was pointed out that the nominations committee for the present year was not nominated or elected in accordance with the laws, Mr. Oleson said that the proposed special meeting could not act legally, that he was opposed to the calling of the special meeting, and as he wished to go home (it was past 10 P.M.), he moved that the meeting dissolve.

The secretary replied to this by stating that the members of the Society have



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the right, under the constitution, to hold the special meeting; that it was neither right nor considerate on the part of the board of directors to treat the request of the members in such a superior manner, since the request had been presented to the board in the regular way. The board of directors, he said, has no discretion in the matter. After these remarks the meeting was declared adjourned.



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TABITHA HOSPITAL
Some Remarks on the Proposed Change in the Laws
by
L. A. Larsen

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Dr. Holmboe states that his reason for wanting to give the Norwegian Lutheran Synod control of the Tabitha Hospital is that in this manner the Hospital could seek support from the rural residents....in both money contributions and patients.

The Synod, however, already has two hospitals, one in St. Paul, with two prominent Norwegian doctors....and one in La Crosse, also with two outstanding Norwegian doctors. Is it probable, under these circumstances, that the farmers of the Northwest would be willing to support or send patients to a hospital in Chicago, many hundred miles away, simply to help the Norwegians in Chicago when the latter are unable to take care of themselves?....He who knows the practical and careful farmers in the Northwest does not easily

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believe that they would undertake such a task. Outside of Chicago the Synod has only one congregation in Illinois, and from that congregation there is not much support to be had.

It seems to me, therefore, that it is very doubtful if added income is to be expected by ceding the Hospital to the Norwegian Synod. The Synod is also the most stringent Orthodox Norwegian church body in America. Women have no right to vote in its congregations. Women are to keep silent in the meetings, rules the St. Paul congregation, and the Synod holds sternly to this rule.

Under these circumstances, as far as I have been able to discover, the Synod has 175 members in Chicago with the right to vote....The Synod condemns life insurance; it condemns all secret societies and even refuses to bury anyone who was a member of a secret society....It will not accept money raised by....a charity ball. While the Norwegian Home for the Aged,



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under the Norwegian United Church, has held a fair with a raffle, etc., the Hospital could not have a fair under the Norwegian Synod, but would have to get its money through church concerts.

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Can we believe that the Norwegian Synod, if it attained full authority at the Hospital, would be tolerant toward those not of the Synod?.....Knowing as we do that the Synod ministers would not place the cornerstone of the Hospital "in the name of God" because they could not pray together with those who belong to the Norwegian United Church, we somehow marvel at their sudden attack of tolerance.

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Let us keep aloof from all the Synod inventions, and in peace with the Synod members. Let us arrange for one great fair every year as is done by the other institutions and support the Hospital as well as we are able. In this manner we shall soon have our Hospital free from debt.



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Odin Branch Asks for Special Meeting of the
Tabitha Hospital Society

The Odin Branch of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held a meeting on Monday evening at Humboldt Park House. More than 150 members were present.

Mr. N. M. Stoltenberg, president of the Branch, strongly criticized the powers granted the nominating committee of the Society. The committee, he said, has greater powers than any political machine. At the elections of the Society it is necessary to vote for the candidate selected by the nominating committee or else abstain from voting altogether. When two names are put up by the nominating committee, the members have to vote for one of the two even though they do not approve of either. On the other hand,

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it is only possible to vote for one of the two even if the members wanted to **elect** both. The nominating committee consults neither the branches nor the members on the matter of nominees; the committee alone decides on the names to be placed on the ballots for determining the representatives of the various branches. The representative elected by the Odin Branch, as well as the representatives from other branches, have been excluded from the meetings of the nominating committee, and the majority of the members of that committee belong to the party which, in our opinion, does not comprise the friends of the Hospital....With the nominating committee constituted as at present, we know what to expect; candidates from our Branch will be placed on the ballot for the visiting committee or some other minor committee, but not for the nominating committee or the board of directors. It is a common saying that the voters have no show at political primaries; but our Society, with its nominating committee, puts the political primaries into the shadow. In our elections the voting members do not have a ghost of a show. It appears as if two men are running the whole nominating committee.

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The president then read a letter from Mr. Rommen, secretary of the Society, in which the latter states that he had received two requests from the nominating committee for lists of members of the Odin Branch and of other branches. Upon receipt of the first request, he had written the secretaries of the various branches asking them to send the required lists to their representatives on the nominating committee, and he again calls the request of the said nominating committee to the attention of the branches. The meeting voted to table the letter temporarily.

Dr. Karl Sandberg, the representative to the nominating committee elected by the Branch, reported that he had been present at two of the meetings of this committee but had been turned away; that he had been refused permission to be present at the committee meetings as a listener, the committee stating that it would not do to have present the individuals who might be subjects of discussion at the committee meeting; that the representatives elected by the California Branch, the Norge Branch, and the Logan Square

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Branch had, similarly, been turned away by the committee.

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As to the nominating committee as it is now constituted, Dr. Sandberg had discovered that the election of its members had not taken place in conformity with the laws of the Tabitha Society. While, under the rules, two names should have been placed on the ballot from each of the seven branches then existing, it appeared that for two branches....no name had been placed on the ballot; for one branch only one name....The North Avenue Branch had five names instead of two....Furthermore, all the twelve persons placed on the ballot as candidates for the nominating committee at the last annual meeting belonged to the Norwegian Lutheran Synod.

Attorney Waage read the paragraph from the constitution of the Society dealing with the nominating committee, its nomination and election, and expressed the opinion that the present committee was not elected in conformity with the

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laws. He spoke strongly of requesting the board of directors to call a special meeting of the Society. After a brief discussion it was unanimously decided to do so, and the following communication was sent to the board of directors, signed by the required number of members:

"We, the undersigned members, do hereby request that you call a meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society for Sunday, January 5, 1902, 2:30 P.M. at Scandia Hall, for the purpose of constituting a nominating committee in conformity with the constitution, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed for the interest of the Society."

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THE DEACONESS SOCIETY'S BAZAAR

The bazaar of the Deaconess Society at Wicker Park Hall was conducted by the Bethel congregation on Wednesday evening, and a large crowd was present. Reverend Tiller gave an interesting speech during the evening, and Dr. Crum's vocal solo and Miss Dagmar Anderson's piano solo received much applause. The bazaar exhibits an unusually rich collection of articles, most of which would be especially appropriate for Christmas presents.

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The Deaconess Society has begun the construction of its large hospital at Haddon Avenue and Leavitt Street. It is therefore evident that the Society needs all possible support, and it is to be hoped that the bazaar will fulfill all the expectations of its sponsors....



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The Fram Branch of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held a continuation discussion meeting, last Tuesday evening, concerning the proposals for changes in the Society's constitution. The meeting was held in the Sunday-school rooms of St. Paul's Norwegian Lutheran Church. More than 150 members of the various branches of the Society were present. The president of the Fram Branch, Mr. Thomas H. Kolderup,....was chairman of the meeting. He informed the gathering that Dr. Marie Olsen's proposal for changes in the Society's constitution was the first subject for discussion. [Translator's note: Dr. Olsen proposes that Article 3 of the constitution be changed so as to limit voting power to members from Cook County.]

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Dr. Olsen said that most of the members of the Society reside in Chicago. It is not to be expected that out-of-town people will come to the meetings of the Society in order to vote. There is no objection to support for the



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Hospital from people outside of the city, but it did not seem advisable in times like the present, when there is partisan division in the Society, for people from the outside to have the right to vote in the matters at issue. The desire was, she said, to preserve the Hospital free for all church organizations. There is no objection to the organization of branches in the country districts, and it was nice of the ministers of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod to support the Society. The Hospital, however, is a Chicago institution, she said, and it ought to be supported by Chicago people. It might be well, she pointed out, to have support from one church group, but it would be better to have support from all the Norwegians in the city....An institution belonging to the Norwegians in Chicago should be governed by them.

Reverend O. J. Heimdahl stated that the North Avenue Branch had many out-of-town members who regularly paid their dues, and it was unjust to deprive them of the right to vote....

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Dr. Marie Olsen mentioned that....she had seen a Synod minister in Chicago at an annual meeting of the Hospital Society advise the members of his church how to vote; he had even marked the ballots of some of the members. If this could take place in Chicago, what might one expect in regard to members from the country?

Dr. A. Holmboe regretted the bringing up of such matters [by Dr. M. Olsen]; he said that the discussion should be confined to relevant issues. Mrs. Halvorsen stated that she was a member of the nominations committee six years ago. At that time she was urged by Synod ministers to see to it that no minister became a member of the board of directors. She followed their urgings, and Reverend [H. B.] Kildahl, as a result, was not elected. But the subsequent result of this action was that four hundred members withdrew from the Society. One of the Synod ministers had said to her on the occasion in question: "We must be sly as snakes and simple-minded as doves to push this matter through." The speaker urged the members to consider the question carefully before voting.



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As no one else claimed the floor, the proposal by Dr. Karl F. M. Sandberg for changes in the constitution of the Tabitha Hospital Society was declared the order of the day. His proposals are as follows: (1) That Paragraph 2 of Article II be eliminated; (2) that Article XIII be eliminated;

These Articles at present read as follows:

Article II

Paragraph 1. The purpose of this Society is to construct, maintain, and conduct a hospital, a training school for nurses, and a home for worthy persons in need, for aged people, and for others who are willing to pay for a good Christian home.

Paragraph 2. Religious instruction and public worship are not to be supervised by the Society as such, but by Lutheran ministers who belong to the Society and



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serve congregations that subscribe to the Lutheran confession of faith.

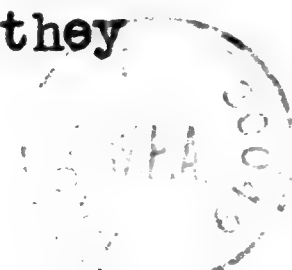
Article XIII

Committee on Spiritual Matters: There is to be organized a committee on spiritual matters; it is to consist of the ministers referred to in Article II. The duties of this committee shall be to take care of public worship and serve the spiritual needs of the residents of the institution, and also to supply religious instruction and training to the nurses, and to determine the adequacy of the training thus provided.

Dr. Sandberg made an introductory speech as follows:

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"The purpose of this proposal is not in any way to insult anybody; its purpose is not, as has been said by some, to drive ministers and religion out of the Hospital or to upbraid the present members of the committee for anything they



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have done. The purpose is simply to make it easier for all of us to work together toward the goal we have set up; to make it easier for others to extend help to us; to make it easier for ministers to become members of the Society; to make it easier to get new patients; to make it easier for those who become patients at the Hospital to get the spiritual nurture they may desire. This combined goal can best be attained, I believe, by omitting from the Society's constitution a couple of paragraphs which (1) place greater demands on the Lutheran ministers of the Society than they are able to meet; (2) subject them to obligations which may be interpreted in a way to drive many people away from the Society and prevent the Hospital from receiving a large part of the aid which otherwise would come its way; (3) may leave the impression that the Hospital belongs to a specific religious denomination, and thereby tend to keep away members, ministers, and patients belonging to other denominations; (4) expose the patients to missionary efforts on the part of the members of the committee on spiritual matters, and thereby make it more difficult for these patients to get the spiritual nurture which they desire; and (5) place all this power and all these obligations in the hands

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of a committee, the composition of which is a matter of chance, in regard to which the Society has no control. The Society has no power to compel the committee on spiritual matters to fulfill its duties; nor can it prevent the committee or its individual members from interpreting the laws of the Society in any manner desired by them; neither can the members of the committee be deterred from ministering to the spiritual needs of the patients and others connected with the Hospital in any way they consider best.

"I quite agree with Reverend Johnson that if the present committee is to be upbraided, it must be on the grounds that the said committee has not done enough--under the Society's constitution--however good its intentions may have been. The constitution requires that the committee provide the necessary religious training, including tests, for the nurses. This, in spite of the unequivocal requirements under the constitution, the committee has omitted doing. The nurses have not received any religious instruction, and Reverend Johnson admits that the committee may justly be blamed for this. So far as I know, the nurses have not received any religious training, nor have they



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been subjected to any examination. Whether some future committee might find time to undertake the tasks referred to, we do not know. The present committee, however, has not proved equal to the undertaking. It is clear that the Society should either omit the requirement from its constitution or else see to it that the law be complied with.

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"We are all acquainted with the fact that the present committee on spiritual matters has decided that as a part of its care for the spiritual life of the residents of the Hospital, it is the duty of the committee to censor the books and the methods employed in raising money donated to the institution. The books might contain matter which it would be bad for the residents to read, and the money might have been gained by improper methods.

"Of course, some future committee might interpret the laws to mean that all doctors who are to treat patients at the Hospital must belong to the same

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religious denomination as the members of the committee.....If anybody were to think this a preposterous supposition they need merely consider the fact that there are now religious hospitals at which requirements of the kind mentioned are imposed upon the physicians.

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"It is evident, of course, that if the Lutheran ministers are to fulfill all the duties imposed on them by the Society's constitution it will be necessary for them, as members of the committee on spiritual matters, to spend so much of their time at the Hospital as to create the impression that the institution belongs to them. This would tend to discourage visits by ministers of other denominations; it would discourage members of other denominations from entering the Hospital as patients; it would discourage patients of other denominations from calling in the ministers of their choice.

"Many people have gained the impression that the Tabitha Hospital belongs to the ministers who compose the committee on spiritual matters, and this fact



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has made it very difficult to get such Norwegians as do not belong to the same denomination to join the Tabitha Society as members. Frequently, it is next to impossible to persuade patients of other denominations to enter the Hospital for treatment. If the paragraphs concerning the committee on spiritual matters were omitted all these difficulties would disappear."

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Dr. B. Meyer did not believe that the purpose of the discussion meetings would be attained by adopting Dr. Sandberg's motion. He had had many patients at the Tabitha Hospital but had never heard that the committee on spiritual matters had made it difficult for doctors and nurses to fulfill their duties.....

Dr. Marie Olsen spoke in support of Dr. Sandberg's proposal....Patients go to hospitals to get medical treatment, not to get spiritual help. Rules for a hospital ought to be drawn up by doctors, not by ministers, just as it is not the task of a physician to lay down rules for the services in a church. She also criticized the method of holding worship in the Hospital....



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Reverend Heimdahl was surprised at the statements of Dr. Olsen....The ministers did not try to press their religious opinions upon the patients; at least, the Synod ministers did not try to do so.

Dr. T. Warloe had often been at the Hospital but had never heard complaints there against the ministers.....

Reverend F. Ring said that in matters concerning the Hospital the aim ought to be to unite, not to divide. The patients are concerned about the ability of the doctors at a hospital, not about who the ministers may be. He considered it better, especially for the old people at the Hospital, if the worship was not held in the third story as at present....The doors at the Hospital ought to be open to ministers of all denominations.

[Translator's note: Several other speakers took part in the discussion after Reverend Ring's remarks, but no new arguments or facts were presented.]

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The Norge Branch of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held a well-attended meeting at Hu Boldt Park House on Monday evening. A number of new members were inducted, and the attendance was over two hundred. The president, Dr. Marie Olsen, opened the meeting. Miss Minnie Lokleby was the secretary.

Drs. Marie Olsen and Carl T. M. Sandberg explained the proposals made by them for changes in the constitution of the Tabitha Society. A brief discussion ensued. Reverend Fred Ring also made a brief address.

The ladies of the Branch later served coffee and cakes, and a couple of hours of sociability followed. But throughout the evening there was lively discussion by pairs and by groups about the proposed changes in the laws of the society.



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TABITHA HOSPITAL /MEMBERSHIP LISTS/

by

Henry A. Stibolt

....At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Tabitha Hospital Society, Reverend M. K. Bleken moved to have the secretary of the board ordered to relinquish the lists of the members of the Hospital Society, and to render the lists available for inspection at the Hospital. I wish to support Reverend Mr. Bleken's motion for the following reasons:

1. A branch will frequently hold socials and meetings to which members of other branches are invited. The secretary of the Society cannot be expected to take care of the invitations, and as matters are now, I can state from my own experience that it is easier to find a needle in a haystack than to get



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hold of the membership lists of the Tabitha Society.

2. If the lists are left open for inspection, a repetition of the voting muddle at the last annual meeting would be prevented. At that meeting voting was done by persons who, under the rules, had not been members long enough to be entitled to vote.

If the secretary believes that he would break the constitution by relinquishing the lists, let him keep the originals and place a certified copy for inspection at the Hospital. Needless to say, such a copy ought to be kept, together with other documents concerning the Hospital, by the superintendent, and should not be placed in the waiting room.



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The board of directors of the Tabitha Hospital Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Hospital. The reports for October show that seventy-three patients were treated during that month; of these, forty-eight paid in full, twenty-three paid in part, and two were given free treatment. At the close of the month there were thirty-four patients in the hospital. The total number of hospitalization days was nine hundred and three, an increase over previous months.

The treasurer's report reveals the following:

Total income for the month.....	\$1,451.45
Total expenses for the month.....	<u>1,186.94</u>
Balance, October 31, 1901.....	\$ 264.51

.....The personnel of the Hospital includes the following: superintendent, assistant superintendent, housekeeper, cook, three housemaids and waitresses, two laundry girls, one engineer, one janitor, eleven nurses, and two house doctors. There

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are thus twenty-four employees.

Mr. Arnet reported that he had received donations totaling \$130, which will be paid to the treasurer. Mrs. [William] Johnson reported donations of \$20, and Dr. Torrison also had received donations for the Hospital. Reverend Bleken's motion that no bazaar be held this year was adopted. It was then resolved to take up a collection to cover the loss incurred by not holding a bazaar. Those wishing to contribute are asked to present their gifts to Mr. Arnet or other members of the board of directors.

Reverend Bleken moved that the secretary be ordered to leave the Hospital membership lists in the waiting room of the Hospital for public inspection.....The secretary said that all membership lists except one had been received from the branches; that the lists are open for inspection by the members of the board of directors, but that under the constitution he had no right to leave these lists in the Hospital waiting room where anybody might take them away.... The constitution requires that "the secretary shall keep the membership lists of the Hospital Society, its seal, and all documents and reports which do not belong

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under the treasurer". Reverend Bleken's attention was called to the fact that his motion was unconstitutional and, in the form presented, was insulting. A second and modified motion by Reverend Bleken was not voted upon either; the secretary declared that he was aware of his responsibilities under the constitution and could not surrender the membership lists. He asked the board members who were present not to attempt to force him to accommodate Reverend Bleken. The board members upheld the secretary.

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All the members counted in the Synod are confirmed, and children are not included. The Synod does not want the Hospital but will probably lend it a helping hand if the proposal is adopted.

Dr. Karl F. M. Sandberg asked how many Synod members there are in Chicago. Mr. Theodor Hansen replied that he did not remember. Dr. Sandberg then said that reference had been made to the wealth of Augustana Hospital [supported by the Augustana Synod], but the wealth of that Hospital had not been derived from gifts. In proportion to its size the Tabitha Hospital had received far greater help from outside than the Augustana Hospital....The latter hospital in 1899 received only eight and one-half per cent of its total income from donations, while the Tabitha Hospital in 1900 received twenty-one per cent of its total income from free-will gifts, that is, nearly three-times as much as the Augustana Hospital. [Translator's note: He also referred to other hospitals having church connections.] Dr. A. Holmboe....insisted that the whole matter resolved itself into a question of money. Help is needed, and to

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get this help it is necessary to have the backing of a church body.

Mr. H. Rommen spoke as follows:

"Those in favor of this Synod proposal say that the matter at issue refers only to the finances; as soon as the Tabitha Hospital gets this backing, then the money will come from the Synod people out in the country, and not only money but patients as well. In order to strengthen this assertion they have, both at the last meeting and several times before, referred to the Swedish hospital which is backed by a large church organization that supports the hospital with contributions from its many congregations. 'Just look and see how well off that hospital is,' they say. Well, let us see what this oft-mentioned institution has received in cash gifts from all these congregations out in the country, and all the rest of its contributors as well. According to the institution's official report, the income during the past three years from direct and indirect gifts amounted to about \$9,600, that is, less than

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seven per cent of the total income. If this institution has been able to reduce its debt by twenty thousand dollars, this reduction has been achieved not through gifts received but through business operations.

"Our Tabitha Hospital, which during this period has stood under strong Synod influence, received from Chicago people during the same years in direct and indirect donations \$9,300 or twenty-seven per cent of the total income. The debt of our Tabitha Hospital on January 1 was \$7,700 or about twenty per cent of the value of the Hospital property. The Augustana Hospital has a debt which equals twenty-six per cent of the property value of that Hospital. Clearly the debt on our Hospital cannot be very much of a danger to our institution. To remove fear from the members of the Fram Branch and others I may inform them that for the month of October the total income of the Hospital was \$1,355, of which \$1,070 was patients' fees."

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Dr. Marie Olsen stated....that the Tabitha Hospital has room for forty patients

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while the average number of patients of late has been twenty-five. To take care of these the Hospital employs twenty-four people. The doctor suggested that the board of directors be more careful as to expenses.

Dr. A. Doe wished to hear from the Synod ministers present concerning the freedom of conscience that would prevail if the Hospital were turned over to the Synod.....He thought also that to collect money from the farmers for the Hospital in the manner suggested tasted of fraud....

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Reverend M. K. Bleken was the next speaker. On behalf of the Synod ministers he wanted to explain their point of view. [Translator's note: Reverend Bleken gave a somewhat detailed account of the Synod ministers care for souls in the Hospital.] Nobody can be compelled to become a Christian. If he states directly that he does not wish ministerial visits, the patient in question will not be disturbed....To those who belong to a church different from ours, our attitude is like that of a doctor to another doctor's patients....We do not try to

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Captain John Anderson moved to conclude the discussion of Mr. Haugan's proposal. This motion was passed.

Continuation of Discussion on Changes in Constitution

The chairman declared Mr. H. Rommen's proposal for changes in the constitution of the Society open for debate. The following paragraphs in the constitution of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society are to be changed as indicated below, in the motion proposed by Mr. Rommen:

Article six is to be altered by the following addition:

Paragraph 3. Every branch of the Society shall have the right to one representative on the board of directors for every thirty members. These representatives

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are to be elected by the branches at their last meeting prior to the annual meeting of the Society, and their names placed before the annual meeting; they are to be elected for three years and remain in office until their successors have been elected and inaugurated.

Every branch of at least thirty members shall also, at its last meeting before the annual meeting of the Society, elect one of its members to represent it on the revisions committee and another member to represent it on the visiting committee; both of these are to be elected for one year and shall remain in office until their successors have been elected; their names are to be reported to the annual meeting by the branch.

Article seven, paragraph one is to read as follows: Direction and control of the business and the funds of this Society shall repose in a board of directors to be elected by the branches in the manner prescribed in Article six, paragraph three.

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Article seven, paragraph two, last sentence is to be changed so that the word "eight" is omitted and replaced by the words "a majority".

Article eight is to be omitted.

Article nine, paragraph one is to read as follows: There is to be a revisions committee, to be elected in the manner prescribed in Article six, paragraph three.

Article ten, paragraph one is to be changed so as to read as follows: There is to be a visiting committee, to be elected in the manner prescribed in Article six, section three.

[Translator's note: There now follows a recital of Articles six, seven, eight, nine, and ten in their unchanged form.]

Mr. Rommen began his remarks by declaring that the adoption of his proposal would give the Society more direct access to the board of directors. As matters are,

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he said, the committee on nominations puts up two candidates for each office, and only rarely does one know for whom to vote until the printed ballots are distributed on election day. Thus the nomination committee is a sort of elections committee, choosing its own successors, while the members have but little to say. It is decidedly better that the various branches elect the representatives they wish to the board of directors.

Dr. A. Holmboe agreed that the present election methods were not satisfactory, yet he could not agree in Mr. Rommen's proposal in its present form.

Attorney Oscar M. Torrison believed that the present laws ought to be improved. According to Mr. Rommen's proposal, however, branches having less than thirty members will have no vote whatever; the laws permit twenty or more members to form a branch. On the other hand, the larger branches may have three or more members on the board of directors. For these reasons he could not vote in favor of the proposal.

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Dr. Marie Olsen expressed pleasure on hearing that there was agreement as to the desirability of change in the paragraphs under discussion. As matters now stand, she said, there are branches counting only eleven members that are represented on the board of directors by three members, while one branch of sixteen members has four representatives on the board. On the other hand, there are branches of more than one hundred members that do not have any representatives at all on the board of directors. The branches ought to be represented in proportion to their membership; that would produce greater interest in any activity for the Hospital. The change ought to be made now, since the membership has increased from three hundred to nearly twelve hundred.

The question was raised as to whether the proposed change could be made without first getting an opinion from the state authorities on the matter. Dr. Sandberg stated that it would not be necessary to consult the state authorities.

Dr. A. Holmboe asked whether Dr. Marie Olsen was not the representative on the

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board of directors from the Norge Branch. Dr. Olsen replied that she was elected representative from the Northwestern Branch; she had belonged to that Branch for several years, she said.

Attorney Torrison did not believe that it mattered much to what branches the members of the board of directors belonged, as long as the directors elected were able people. He added that there are several life members of the Society, not belonging to any branch. One of these, he said, is the present treasurer, Mr. H. A. Haugan.

Captain H. Michelson said that it was necessary to get capable business people to serve on the board of directors, people who are interested and will work for economic leadership of the Hospital, no matter to which branch they may belong.

The meeting was continued until Tuesday, November 26, at eight o'clock in the evening, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West North Avenue and Leavitt Street.

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THE NORWEGIAN DEACONESS SOCIETY



The board of directors of the Deaconess Society met at the Deaconess Home the other day, and when all the business of the old board had been finished, the new board organized by re-electing unanimously the old officers as follows: president, Mr. Adolph Larsen; vice-president, Mr. A. P. Johnson; secretary, Reverend H. B. Kildahl; treasurer, Mr. S. H. Holstad.

The building committee reported that construction work on the new Deaconess Home and Hospital was proceeding rapidly and that in a few days the foundation would be finished. The contracts have been let for the brick work, hewn stone, and carpenter work, and the committee is busy at work to let the remaining contracts. Reverend Kildahl reported that he had been on a tour in Red River Valley, North Dakota, and in a month there he had collected about \$900 for the building fund. He intends to return to the district to resume the collection. Mr. Larson reported having spent one week with the Holden congregation, Goodhue County, Minnesota, and there had collected \$300 for the building fund.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

by

Dr. A. Holmboe

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital has existed for seven years. Even the most optimistic friend of the Hospital will hardly claim that we have made very noticeable progress during this period. On the contrary, our financial position is not good at all. How to correct this situation, how to escape stagnation while other hospitals move ahead--that is the problem which the true friends of the Hospital have to consider.....It seems to me that the natural step to take now is to study the methods of other hospitals so as to find how they manage to progress. In doing so we find that there is not a single benevolent hospital in Chicago which is not backed by some church organization. And why? Because the well-organized church bodies are permanent and therefore are able to insure financial security even for such an expensive institution as a hospital with modern equipment. No other organization possesses the absolutely necessary stability, I might say, changelessness.

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Since we do not know any better church body to turn to, it seemed quite natural to try to secure for the Hospital the support of the Norwegian Synod; and this is the reason for Mr. H. A. Haugan's proposal. To me the whole matter resolves itself simply into a....question of raising money.

It is not quite clear to me how there could be raised any reasonable objections to the proposal. It has been said that the proposal aims to take the Hospital away from the Norwegians in Chicago in order to "give" it to the Norwegian Synod. By no means! The Synod cannot accept the Hospital as its property even though we might be willing to "give" it to the Synod. On the contrary, if Mr. Haugan's proposal is passed, it means extra expense, a burden to the Synod. Besides, I had the belief that the Norwegian Synod consists of Norwegian men and women, and that these represent the Norwegian people as well as do we who do not belong to the church.

It has also been hinted that the change might, more or less, hold back and prevent the doctors' hospital work, since the ministers, "the naughty ministers",

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might interfere with the doctors' work. I do not believe such fear is well founded. During my years of daily work at the Tabitha Hospital I have never heard a single complaint about the work of the ministers there. A short while ago I had a conversation with Dr. Fenger, and he assured me that during his long hospital activity he had never found the church a hindrance, but rather a help, and the best hospitals, at which he works, all have the backing of some church body or other.

Until the opposing side in this matter presents some practical proposal which at least presents a possibility for the advancement of the interests of the Tabitha Hospital in a safe and sane manner, I shall feel obliged, therefore, to speak and vote for Mr. Haugan's proposal.



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Well Attended Discussion Meeting Held by the Fram Branch
of the Hospital Society

At the invitation of the Fram Branch of the Tabitha Hospital Society, more than three hundred members of the various branches gathered on Tuesday evening in the Sunday-school rooms of St. Paul's Norwegian Lutheran Church.

The president of the branch, Mr. H. Kolderup, opened the meeting, stating that the purpose was to discuss the various proposals presented at the last quarterly meeting, to be decided at the coming annual meeting, and relating to changes in the constitution of the Society. A printed leaflet was distributed, containing the proposed changes in the constitution, together with a statement of the resolution previously adopted by the Fram Branch concerning the constitution.

Mr. Kolderup introduced Mr. O. A. Thorp as chairman of the meeting, stating



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that those opposed to the suggested changes as well as those in favor had been invited to the meeting; for this reason he thought it advisable that the chairman of the meeting be someone other than a member of the Fram Branch. He added that not one member of the Fram Branch belonged to any congregation under the Norwegian Synod.

The chairman expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him. He called attention to the fact that there are four proposals for changing the constitution, one by H. A. Haugan, one by H. Rommen, one by Dr. Marie Olsen, and one by Dr. Karl F. M. Sandberg. He suggested that the proposal by Mr. Haugan be discussed first. A period of ten minutes was allotted each speaker.

Mr. Haugan's proposal is as follows:

"That Article 7, paragraph 1....be changed by adding the following words: 'A majority of the members of the board of directors are to be members of congregations belonging to the Synod for the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.'" "



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Mr. Haugan introduced the question....He considered it absolutely necessary to have the Hospital backed by an organization, and a church organization seemed to him the best....Why cannot the Norwegian people steer their Hospital to success as well as the Swedes and other nationalities do in the case of their hospitals? The only way of doing it is to seek the support of a church organization.

Dr. Marie Olsen stated....that the people want the Hospital run by Norwegians without reference to ministers and churches.....If the people felt certain that the Hospital was not to be governed by the ministers then there would be plenty of money for the running of the Hospital.

Dr. A. Holmboe said that he was no churchman; he had never belonged to any church in America, but he could not quite understand why some people feared ministers....All the hospitals in Chicago except the Cook County Hospital belong under some church organization or other. He had always found the ministers supporting the Hospital....He did not believe that the Norwegian Synod would be willing to accept the Hospital even as a gift.



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Mr. A. Jorgensen said....that the Norwegian people as such had the right to govern the Hospital; this right should not be taken away from them.

Mr. A. Vinholdt supported Mr. Haugan's motion. If that proposal had been adopted earlier the Hospital would have been free from many of its difficulties.

Mr. Karl T. Sandberg....declared that the present Hospital Society had received a large number of new members. There is no need to fear that the institution will not be able to maintain its existence.

Dr. A. B. Oyen supported Mr. Haugan's proposal. Reverend Fred Ring did not believe that the Norwegian people who had been working for the Tabitha Hospital ought to be placed under the guardianship of the Norwegian Synod or any other church organization....The united Norwegian people will and ought to support the Hospital as a national undertaking.

[Translator's note: Several other speakers took part in the discussion, some in favor of Mr. Haugan's proposal, others against, but no new arguments were presented.]



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Secretary H. Rommen read Fram Branch's invitation to the meeting, in which it is stated: "The financial position of the Hospital is not as favorable as in previous years. The debt has been increasing and contributions have been difficult to obtain. Unless the Hospital gets the support of a permanent organization it seems certain that its future is dark."

"These invitations," continued Mr. Rommen, "have been sent in large numbers to the members of the Hospital Society. On behalf of the Hospital.....I must denounce the document as misleading and false; it can only hurt the institution to have it distributed." [Translator's note: In support of this statement Mr. Rommen presented figures showing that the status of the Hospital had improved materially since 1895, being several thousand dollars more favorable in the present year.]

On the motion of Dr. Sandberg the meeting dissolved, after the president, Mr. Kolderup, had invited the audience to a new discussion meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, November 12, at the same place.



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Proposals for Changes in the Constitution Discussed

The Odin Branch of the Norwegian Tabitha Hospital Society held a meeting in Hans Finstad's hall last Monday evening. About two hundred people were present. The president, Mr. H. H. Stoltenberg, opened the meeting by expressing his pleasure at the number present from the other branches.

Dr. Marie Olsen delivered a speech in which she explained her attitude toward the proposed changes in the constitution of the Society for the Tabitha Hospital, referring especially to Mr. Haugan's proposal that a majority of the members of the board of directors must belong to congregations under the Norwegian Lutheran Synod in America. The speaker was opposed to this change in the constitution. She added that the Synod for several years had dominated the board of directors because most of the members of the nominating committee were also members of the Synod congregations. Dr. Olsen urged that the Hospital remain a Norwegian national undertaking, and that everybody be invited to join the Hospital Society whether he be a member of a church or not. On the whole, Dr. Olsen's speech



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was a refutation of articles by Reverend Alfred O. Johnson and Reverend K. M. Bleken in the Skandinaven concerning the proposals in question.

Reverend J. A. Jorgensen was the next speaker. He referred to the development and progress in the undertakings of mercy during the past thirty years. The speaker did not think it fitting that ministers of one particular sect or that ministers of any sect should be placed on the boards of directors of institutions such as hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, etc. Businessmen ought to be in control of these boards. If a patient in a hospital wished to have a minister visit him he ought to be at full liberty to send for the minister of his choice, no matter to what sect the patient might belong.

Reverend Fred Ring spoke in the same tenor. The physicians are responsible for their patients and must have the right to refuse even a minister permission to call on a patient who is very ill.

Mr. A. Jorgensen was afraid that the Lutheran Synod would cripple the work at the Hospital if the representatives of the Synod were to gain control. The

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necessary money may be gathered in various ways, through socials, concerts, dances, etc., but if the ministers are to hold leadership, there is the risk that money gathered in such manner may be declined by the boards, as was done a year ago by the board of directors of the Orphanage.

Mr. H. Rommen was the last speaker. He gave a brief survey of the status of the Hospital. The debt of the Hospital Society is about \$7,500 while the property value is more than \$30,000. Thus there is no danger that the Hospital will become bankrupt. The speaker expressed the hope that Mr. H. A. Haugan's motion will not be adopted by the coming general convention of the Society.

After the business meeting was concluded, Mr. Mathias Pedersen's orchestra played, and refreshments were served.



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THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL



The first spade of soil was turned last Monday afternoon for the building of the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, corner of Division and Leavitt Streets, in the presence of several of the ministers of the United Lutheran Church, the nurses of the Deaconess Hospital, two physicians, and several of the members of the Hospital Society....Reverend J. H. Meyer spoke in honor of the occasion: The work here started is a work of mercy. There is no income to gain from participation in the work, only large expenses. He expressed the wish that the work may become a success to the honor of God and to the benefit of man.

The president of the Society, Mr. Adolf Larsen, requested each of those present to turn a shovel of the soil....A photograph was taken of the gathering.



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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN DEACONESS SOCIETY

The Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Society held its fifth annual meeting Monday evening at the Church of the Covenant, corner of Robey and Iowa Streets. The meeting was well attended, and several out-of-town members were present.

The meeting opened with worship led by Reverend C. E. Tiller. Mr. Adolph Larson was elected chairman of the meeting. Being also the president of the society, Mr. Larson reported concerning the work during the past year....and gave a brief survey of the work during the five years since the society was organized. The survey showed that the Deaconess Society has cared for 557 patients with a total of 22,282 sick days, of which 13,728 were free; 409 operations have been performed; and 650 patients have received free medical treatment and medicine outside the hospital. The deaconesses have visited 2,110 ailing and needy people.

To meet current expenses, cash in the amount of \$17,121 and supplies valued at \$900 have been collected. The sum of \$13,384 has been obtained for the building fund. Total income during the period was \$31,369....

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There are at present twenty-two deaconesses and student deaconesses working under the society's supervision at the Deaconess Home and at the various stations. Reverend H. B. Kildahl, secretary of the society, reported that during the past year the cash receipts for current expenses....had been \$5,147; receipts for the building fund had been \$5,547. These amounts had been transferred to the treasurer. The treasurer's report is as follows:

General Fund

Balance as of January, 1901	\$ 175
Income for current expenses	5,147
Interest	6
Total available for current expenses	\$ 5,328
Expenses	5,248
Balance as of October, 1901	\$ 80

Building Fund

Balance as of January, 1901	\$ 1,928
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Interest	\$ 30
Income	5,547
Total	<u>\$ 7,505</u>
Expenses	<u>1,205</u>
Balance as of October, 1901	\$ 6,300

The assets of the Deaconess Hospital at the present time are as follows:

Cash	\$ 6,300
Real estate	6,000
Furnishings	<u>1,680</u>
Total	\$13,980

Sister Ingeborg reported that during the past year there have been 146 patients treated at the Home with a total of 5,156 sick days, 2,979 of which were free. 139 operations have been performed during the year.

Dr. S. Dahl reported concerning the patients, their illnesses, the operations, and the results. Dr. N. T. Quailes reported on the instruction



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of the Sisters and the plan of the school. Mr. A. P. Johnson reported on the difficult work of the committee in providing plans for the new buildings which would be in harmony with present-day demands for a first-class hospital and at the same time be within the means of the Society. He reported that a contract was about to be given for the brick work of a part of the building, the cost to be \$7,500. The part of the hospital, which it is the intention to erect at once, will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, and the whole building when completed will cost about \$75,000.

Proposals for changes in the constitution were then taken up. All the proposed changes were adopted with some slight alterations.

Messrs. Adolph Larson and S. H. Halstad were re-elected to the board of directors for a period of three years. Reverend G. T. Rygh was also elected to the board for the same period....



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TABITHA HOSPITAL

by

Reverend Alfred Johnson

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The proposal by Mr. H. A. Haugan and others to change the constitution of the Tabitha Hospital Society /so as to make it obligatory that the majority of the members of the board of directors belong to the Norwegian Lutheran Synod/... is purely a business move. Mr. Haugan realizes that the Hospital needs greater assistance than it has received so far. Being a businessman, he wishes to gain support for the Hospital from the Synod congregations in Illinois, Wisconsin, etc. Such support could not be had unless these congregations are certain that the right kind of spirit prevails in the Society. The congregations in question will give no support to a society that sponsors lotteries, dances, and other affairs which the congregations consider sinful....The real purpose



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of Mr. Haugan's proposal was to secure the right for the Hospital Society to go to the congregations of the Synod to collect money for the Hospital.... This, it seems to me, is easily understood, if people really want to understand.

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by
Ellen Halvorsen

I am one of the women who started the work for the Norwegian Tabitha Hospital....We were but a few when we started out, and we were not rich; yet we laid the foundation with our nickels and dimes....Later the rich people took a hand in the task, and with them came the ministers of the Lutheran Synod. Since then it has been quite impossible to take part in the work for we all know that the ministers are quite impossible in many ways, and it is quite evident that their intention is to take the Hospital away from the Norwegian people and turn it into a church institution.

I do not wish this to be interpreted to mean that I have anything against the ministers personally; I do object, however, to their using their churches as tools for the attaining of other goals....A few years ago some of the Hospital members came to realize the attitude of the ministers, and when the time came



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for the annual meeting with election of a new board of directors, word was passed on to those entitled to vote that the ministers must be kept off the board. At the time a certain minister had been nominated for the board; he was a friend of mine and a man of honor in every respect--not one of the Synod ministers--and I felt badly about taking steps to keep him off the board; but at the same time I realized that if the Hospital were to remain an institution of the Norwegian people, as had been the intention from the first, then the ministers had to be kept out, no matter to what denomination they might belong. Consequently I went to the minister in question, explained to him the principle which was guiding my actions in the matter; I explained that there was nothing against him personally, but that he would be opposed by me and by those I could influence, solely because of his being a minister representing a religious denomination; it was all-important that the Hospital belong to the Norwegian people and not to a church group. In my honest simplicity I actually believed that we would be through with the ministers, as long as my minister friend was not elected. But....my chagrin and my alarm over the future of the Hospital may well be imagined when, at the election, one Synod



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minister after the other was voted on the board; I had used my influence to keep out one minister, an honest straightforward man in every respect, who, in my opinion, had no selfish aim in his work....I had, as it were, helped kick him out through the front door, and then had to see all the doors and windows opened to let in those others who are now working to get the Hospital transferred from the Norwegian people to the Norwegian Lutheran Synod. And thus, while I hate hypocrisy and backhandedness, my efforts had been used as a means to promote the hypocritical scheme which I consider a misfortune to the Norwegian people.

Yet, the good cause is not lost even now. We may yet realize our hope for a Norwegian national hospital. All those old members who, perhaps, have been at the point of losing courage need to take up the work once more with all their energy. It is important to take hold immediately, for now the attempt is being made to kill forever the idea of a Norwegian national hospital. I appeal not only to the old members, but to all Norwegians in Chicago; join the Hospital Society and work for the one Norwegian Hospital, as was the plan at the beginning. But in order to be qualified to vote at the election of the board of directors it is necessary to join on or before Monday, October 21.



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Dr. Sandberg's Proposal for Changes in the Constitution
by

Reverend M. K. Bleken

.....Dr. Karl Sandberg has proposed certain changes in the constitution of the Tabitha Hospital Society. As presented in the October 16 issue of Skandinaven, his proposal is that the paragraphs in the constitution which refer to the committee on spiritual matters should be eliminated.

If the paragraphs referred to are to be cut out, however, it would seem that the doctor ought to have proposed also that the term "Lutheran" be omitted from the name of the Hospital....There is, on the whole, considerable lack of understanding on the part of the doctor as to the relationship of the Tabitha Society and the Hospital to the Norwegian nationality and to the Lutheran Church.

According to its constitution the Tabitha Society is not a strictly Norwegian



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organization; every person of Scandinavian birth or descent and who is of good repute may become a member of the Society. If the Society is to be characterized with regard to nationality, it would have to be called Scandinavian. As regards the relation of the Society to religion, it is well known that no requirements are made as to religious beliefs for membership in the Society, which, consequently, is nonconfessional. While the Society, according to its constitution, is nonconfessional, both the constitution of 1894 and that of the present day show, however, that the Society desires to maintain close relations with the Lutheran Church. Both the name of the Society and the part of the constitution which Dr. Sandberg wants eliminated testify to this desire. The Society did not consider itself competent to take care of the spiritual work at the institutions it intended to build; for this reason it placed that part of its labor in the hands of ministers who belong to the Society and at the same time serve congregations subscribing to the Lutheran faith.

In addition to the hospital patients we must also consider the inmates of



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the home for the aged maintained in conjunction with the Hospital. It is the care of the souls of these old people to which the ministers belonging to the Society are devoting themselves. The ministers visit the Hospital in accordance with the constitution of the Society, which Dr. Sandberg himself helped to revise. And in spite of this Dr. Sandberg ventures to say "that ministers hold public worship at the Hospital without authorization or invitation on the part of the Society or its board of directors."

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Dr. Sandberg's dislike for public worship at the Hospital must be of long standing, for this worship is not a novel scheme recently introduced by Lutheran ministers. Public worship has been in use at the Hospital since the very beginning. The patients value this worship; even those who do not understand Norwegian like it. It would be as improper for Dr. Sandberg to prescribe to the committee on spiritual matters how the care of souls is to be provided for as for this committee to prescribe to the doctor how he is to treat his patients. The spiritual care at the Hospital has been placed in our hands by the very constitution of the Hospital Society; it



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is Dr. Sandberg's fault that he did not discover this sooner. Finally, Dr. Sandberg gets around to propose a move which he strongly condemns at the beginning of his article. "Ought it not be left to the Society, through its board of directors, to see to it that the patients receive proper spiritual care?"

But if this be done, does it not mean that the Society has undertaken to maintain spiritual care at the Hospital? Does not the Society undertake the task of the churches in such a case? But if it does, then the Tabitha Society has become the very thing Dr. Sandberg so strongly opposes--a church society.

It is evident that in the doctor's explanation the premises point in one direction and the conclusion in another. Consequently, the conclusion nullifies the premises.



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Dr. Sandberg Explains His Proposals for Changing the Statutes

by

Karl Sandberg

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The changes proposed in the statutes of the Tabitha Hospital Society are the following:

- (1) Paragraph 2 of Article II to be omitted; and
- (2) Article XIII to be omitted.

Paragraph 2, Article II reads as follows: "Religious instruction and public worship shall not be under the supervision of the Society as such but shall be under the supervision of Lutheran ministers who belong to the Society and are in charge of congregations which subscribe to the Lutheran confession of faith."



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Article XIII reads as follows: "There is to be a committee on spiritual matters. This committee is to consist of the ministers referred to in Article II. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide for the spiritual needs of the dwellers in the various institutions, and also provide the nurses with the necessary religious instruction and development, and to examine into same."

On reading these paragraphs many people will probably change the stern judgment they have passed on the ministers belonging to this committee....It is hardly to be wondered at if some of them have come to consider all the members of the Society as their spiritual children. On the other hand, is it to be wondered at when old members of the Society, who have been active since its very beginning, are inclined to lose confidence in the ministers?....In 1894 and 1895 ministers of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod highly praised the Hospital as a national cause, the only cause of great importance in which all the Norwegians in Chicago might be interested without regard to political or religious

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affiliations or to position in state or society. They said they were in favor of a Norwegian national hospital as against a hospital dominated by some religious denomination. They also spoke in favor of leaving the control of the hospital in the hands of the board of directors and not with a group of Lutheran ministers....

When the older members of the Society who still remember these assurances of old compare them with the words and acts of these same ministers as they come to us today, then these older members may well shake their heads. Nowadays these ministers, without being requested by the board of directors, hold public morning worship at the hospital; in the same independent way they deliver prayers at the annual socials for the nurses; they even warn, from the pulpit, against attending socials for the benefit of those who are suffering at the Hospital. Older members of the Tabitha Society thought it had been settled in 1895 that the Tabitha Hospital was to be a Norwegian national enterprise, and now they find that in the "committee on spiritual matters" they are

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face to face with a power which, in matters of this type, is the supreme authority.

For the reasons here given I move that the paragraphs referred to be eliminated from the statutes. Let it not be so that a handful of the members of the Society wield greater power than the Society itself. Let it be left with the board of directors to determine how to take care of the spiritual needs of the patients.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Tabitha Hospital Society was held last Tuesday at Our Savior's Church. Dr. Karl Sandberg presided.

The treasurer reported income \$12,419.43 and expenses \$12,402.69. Mr. H. A. Haugan's report was as follows:

Assets

Ground.	\$7,400.00.
Hospital Building.	25,487.00.
Cash.	681.42.
Inventory.	3,554.20.
Cash in Committee's Hands.	517.95.
Total.	\$ 37,640.75. [sic]

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Liabilities

Loans.	\$5,000.00.
Bills Due and Payable.	<u>3,037.95.</u>
Total.	8,037.25 [sic]

It was proposed by Mr. Haugan that the members co-operate with the Norwegian Synod. This started quite a discussion. The following members spoke in favor of the proposal: H. A. Haugan, Dr. Holmboe, the Reverend Mr. Bleken, and John Olsen. Against the proposal were Dr. Karl Sandberg, Dr. Marie Olsen, Dr. Anders Doe, and Peder Olson Skaaden. Those opposed to the proposition stated that they did not believe that the Synod wanted to have anything to do with the Hospital.

The directors chosen for the next three years are H. A. Haugan, John Oleson, Mrs. William Johnson, Dr. George A. Torrison, Reier Egeland, Christian Anderson, and Inga Johnson.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The board of directors of the Norwegian Tabitha Hospital, at its recent monthly meeting, took up for consideration various committee reports and arranged for the settlement of certain business matters. The following facts were disclosed by the reports:

During the month of November, forty-eight patients were treated; the total number of hospitalization days was seven hundred and twenty-one, of which one hundred and forty-three were free or partly paid for, and five hundred and seventy-seven paid for in full. The treasurer's report reveals the following:

Balance, November 1, 1900	\$ 193.69
Patients' fees.....	716.80
Membership fees.....	11.00
Lawn party (delayed returns).....	9.02

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Total.....	\$ 930.51
Expenditures.....	<u>897.81</u>
Balance, December 1, 1900.....	\$ 32.70

The lawn party held last fall yielded a net income of \$111.80. Proceeds from the bazaar so far amount to about \$700. Some tickets, etc. have not yet been paid for. Gifts sent directly to the committee have been received from Messrs. Eschbach, Christian Hansen, J. Bjerke, O. Hoitomt, and Mrs. Schenk.

The board of directors wishes to extend its thanks to these donors as well as to all those who assisted at the various socials and at the bazaar. Thanks are also due to the public for the large attendance and financial support on the occasion referred to.

A new set of rules, prepared and adopted in collaboration with the medical staff, has been presented for the guidance of patients.



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The ladies of the visiting committee will hold a "donation party" on New Year's Day, as they have done in former years.

At the meeting the board of directors had the very interesting experience of receiving from Dr. Marie Olsen a list of twenty-five names of people applying for membership in the Hospital Society. These new members will form a new branch, the seventh of the Society.



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Journal of Management Studies, 19(1), 67-80.

The bazaar of the Deaconess Society at 1100 North Hall was fairly well attended on Wednesday evening. Miss L. L. L. gave a piano solo; Mrs. Lyth gave a soprano solo, and a quartet from the Society sang several numbers. All those appearing in the program received much applause.

The president of the Society, Adolf Larsen, gave an overview of the work of the Society during the past years since the Le Bonheur Hospital was organized. He spoke encouragingly of the future, with special reference to the erection of the new hospital building. Several articles were sold by auction; coffee and cakes were served.

On Thursday evening Reverend F. J. Wilson presided. The articles left over from the previous evenings were disposed of by auction.



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THE NORWEGIAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL

The plans for the new Deaconess Home and Hospital to be built in the near future at the corner of Leavitt Street and Haddon Avenue have been prepared by Architect Charles Thieslew.

The building is to be of red brick with cut stone adornments; its facades on Leavitt Street and on Haddon Avenue will each be one hundred and twenty feet long and forty feet in depth. The structure will consist of three stories in addition to a basement and an attic. The rooms in the basement will be utilized for classrooms, clinic, reception rooms for the doctors, drugstore, laboratory, dining rooms, etc. The first, second, and third stories are divided into wards and individual rooms for patients, and there will be room for one hundred and thirty beds. On the second floor is a chapel seating fifty people. The rooms for the deaconesses are on the the third floor.... In the attic, which is of full height on the side toward the yard, are the kitchen, bedrooms, and dining room for the kitchen help. The purpose of this arrangement is to prevent kitchen



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odors from entering the halls and sick rooms of the building.

Space is provided for two elevators, but only one will be put into use at the start. The elevators run from the basement to the top of the building. A dumb waiter will also be installed to run from the kitchen to the serving rooms on each floor.

Toward the yard, independent of the main building yet connected with it, are two operating rooms.....with their adjoining rooms for instruments, etc.....

A separate building will be erected to contain the engine room, storage rooms, etc., to avoid vibrations and other inconveniences incident to machinery. In the rear part of the yard is to be erected a two-story and basement building of brick for consumptives and other incurables.

The architecture of the main building is of colonial style and very impressive, yet little money is being spent for decorative effect on the outside. No



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expense is being spared, however, for equipment to make the institution a first-class hospital according to the latest and most approved principles.

As the public knows, the objective of the Deaconess Society is not only to conduct a hospital but also a deaconess home, that is, a training school for deaconesses.....Of course this phase of the work has been fully considered in planning the buildings.

The Deaconess Society has paid for the ground of the new hospital; in addition, the Society has \$2,000 in cash and \$3,000 in subscriptions. This, however, will merely cover a fraction of the cost of the buildings.....It is expected that the public will support the undertaking. When finished, these buildings will form a handsome addition to the list of charitable institutions which the Norwegians have established in Chicago.



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TABITHA HOSPITAL
Quarterly Meeting

The Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society held its quarterly meeting at Our Savior's Church last Tuesday evening. The president, Karl F. N. Sandberg opened the meeting and was elected chairman for the meeting.

Secretary H. Rommen presented the treasurer's report for the third quarter.

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[Translator's note: Total received for the quarter \$2,755.66. Current expenses, third quarter \$2,634.25.] The Hospital has a floating debt of \$2,155 in addition to the mortgage of \$5,000.

At the training school for nurses there are eleven students. In the old-age division there are nine aged ones.....One hundred patients were treated during the quarter. Of these, eighty-one have been discharged as follows:

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healed, forty-four; improved, twenty-seven; incurable, two; desiring to leave, two; dead, six.

[There were] in the Hospital on September 30, nineteen.

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Eleven patients have been treated without charge, during 235 hospital days.

Seven patients were paying in part; total hospital days, 204.

Eighty-two patients have paid in full; total hospital days, 1,636.

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Mr. Oscar M. Torrison read proposals to make some changes in the by-laws. These will be printed soon and sent to the various Branches for consideration; later to be taken up for final study at the annual meeting in January.

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The committee on building plans, elected by the board of directors on orders from the Society, to investigate the advisability of adding another wing to the Hospital, reported that there can be no doubt but that the present building is too small; it ought at least to be doubled in size.

The committee did not recommend raising the money by increasing the mortgage, but did express their belief, however, that much money could be raised through subscriptions, and that an appeal ought to be made to Norwegians in America to come to the assistance of the Hospital.

It was reported that the annual bazaar of the Tabitha Hospital will be held at Wicker Park Hall starting Monday, October 29 and continuing till November 3. The committee intends to apply the surplus from the bazaar to payment of the Hospital's floating debt.

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THE NORWEGIAN TABITHA HOSPITAL
by
Dr. B. Meyer

The medical staff of the Norwegian Hospital decided, at its April meeting, to make arrangements for a library at the Hospital for the use of patients and the staff. The necessary money for the purpose was appropriated from the surplus of the latest charity ball. A committee was appointed, and as the result of the committee's work, the hospital now has an attractive and substantial bookcase with about five hundred volumes of Scandinavian, English, and German literature, and also a number of valuable religious books and several hundred magazines. If all of this had to be bought, the amount of money available would have been far from sufficient, but thanks to the widespread interest in the Hospital, and to the will to sacrifice on the part of those interested, the library has been realized at but little cost to the treasury of the medical staff of the Hospital.

First among the contributors to this undertaking must be mentioned the publisher



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of the Skandinaven, Mr. John Anderson; attention to his services in the interest of the new library has been called by the vote of thanks recently adopted by the meeting of the staff and addressed to Mr. Anderson. Next must be mentioned the Vala Reading Club, which furnished the materials for the bookcase, and Mr. E. Staff, who made the case. The bookcase is both attractive and substantial, and the fact that it was built during the summer months, the busiest season for cabinetmakers, adds to the Hospital's obligation to Mr. Staff.

Mr. C. G. Krogness showed his interest in the cause by sending us several hundred of the most widely read magazines of the past three or four years. Pharmacist C. F. Bjercke presented the library with a number of interesting books and magazines, and is also sending to the Hospital, every week, the latest copies of Leslie's and Harper's magazines. Last but not least must be mentioned Mr. R. Stewart who, with his usual liberality, has donated to the Hospital many dollars' worth of binding material--both for books and magazines--and illustrated works.

To all of these and to everybody else who assisted in bringing about the unexpectedly fortunate result, the Hospital and its medical staff extend their heartiest thanks.



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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL



The open-air festival of the Tabitha Hospital Society was very well attended.The garden on the north side of the hospital was decorated with flags, and George B. Carpenter and Company had lent the committee four tents. Mr. Daniel Erikson had persuaded the Carpenter Company to this generosity. Hans Finstad provided the necessary tables and chairs. The ladies of the visiting committee were constantly busy seeing to it that all the guests were offered coffee, cake, and ice cream.

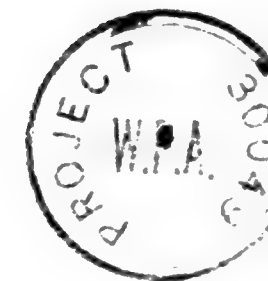
Dr. K. F. Sandberg, the president of the Society, introduced the Reverend Alfred Johnson as the first speaker. The pastor stated that nearly six years have elapsed since the hospital was opened; that a group of women had been working for a number of years prior to the opening, giving much of their time and money in order to bring the hospital to the standard it enjoys today....

The intention is to add two wings to the hospital. The speaker held that the

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hospital more than any other work the Norwegians had undertaken, served to make the Norwegian name known and respected....

Dr. A. Doe, the second speaker, stated that the hospital is up-to-date and on a level with any hospital in town as regards efficiency....Between the speeches Miss Eleonora Olson sang two soprano solos; she was accompanied by Eugene Skaaden.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), June 1, 1900.



THE TABITHA HOSPITAL
Excerpt of Report for April

At the last meeting of the directors at the Tabitha Hospital, the secretary presented the following excerpts of the reports for the month of April: Sixty-six patients were treated during the month--seven of them free of charge, twelve at half the regular fee, and forty-seven at full pay. The total days of treatment were 1,013, of which 378 were free or partly paid for, and 635 paid for in full. On May 1 there were 37 patients at the hospital.

Treasurer's Report

In the treasury, as of April 1	\$177.67
Membership fees, North Avenue Branch	51.50
" " Northwest Branch	20.00
" " California Branch	7.00
Fees from patients	762.57

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Miscellaneous sales	17.43
Total	\$1,036.17
Expenses	679.79
Balance	356.96 (sic)
Subscription Fund, on hand	55.00

The Hospital has had many patients of late--as many as forty-five at one time, that is, more than the Hospital can accommodate comfortably. To overcome this lack of room, the board of directors has rented an apartment near by for the use of the nurses, and in this way room has been provided for eight more beds. Yet there is not enough room. One day five patients applying for admission to the Hospital had to be turned away on account of lack of space. The board of directors has frequently called these facts to the attention of the Society, but without results.

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[THE TABITHA HOSPITAL QUESTION]

by
Karl Sandberg

In an article in Skandinaven, Mr. W. F. Christiansen is once more bringing up the question of the Tabitha Hospital organization, and refers his questions in the matter to me for elucidation. I beg to state now that I did not reply to his former article in the Skandinaven, nor will I reply to his last article in the paper, for the reason that both articles, I am sorry to say, are so bitter in tone that a reply could serve no good purpose. I do not understand the reason for this bitterness, nor do I know what is the objective of Mr. Christiansen's fight in the various societies to which he belongs. It is to be noticed that he is not a member of the Tabitha Hospital Society.

Whether Mr. Christiansen is able to strengthen his position in any of the societies to which he belongs, through his attempts to blacken us, the societies in question will have to decide for themselves. If he intends to use

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the Tabitha Hospital or the Tabitha Society as a scarecrow, a case for other societies to beware of, and as a weapon to threaten the members of such societies to vote as he wants them to, all of this is something which the Tabitha Society can do nothing about. The matter does not vitally concern us; the type of action referred to is not especially considerate, but is perhaps natural. One may say, perhaps, that a good cause would not need the base means applied by Mr. Christiansen. I do not believe anybody within our Society would desire to expand the influence of the latter, or seek to enhance his or her influence within the Society by the use of action or attitude of types detrimental to the good work of other societies.

Our Norwegian national traits are rich in characteristics that are laudable, such as honesty, faithfulness, sense of justice, etc. It is to be regretted that our traits contain also the reverse--our tendency toward division, our lack of ability or willingness to unite for good undertakings. So prominent is this trait that frequently it overshadows all the good traits mentioned above.

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In conclusion let me state that the terms "Christian" and "belonging to the church" are used synonymously by many. To do so is not correct, however..... To illustrate: The Visiting Nurses Association in Chicago is sending nurses to take care of sick people who are poor, anywhere in the city. Nobody would dare deny that this Association is doing Christian work, that it is a Christian institution. Yet the institution has no church connection; it does not belong under any church or denomination.

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THE HOSPITAL MATTER
A Question to Dr. Sandberg
by
W. F. Christiansen

Some time ago I directed a question through the Skandinaven to Dr. Sandberg regarding the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Society. The question was as to whether or not the Society is yet working in accordance with its old constitution, or whether a new constitution has been adopted by the Society. To this question no answer has been given so far.

My reasons for directing this question to Dr. Sandberg, the president of the Society, was that sometime ago I read an article by him in the Skandinaven in which he states, among other things, that the nationals won in the struggle of 1894-1895. This victory is supposed to indicate that since the cow has been milked, it may as well be slaughtered.

I cannot but admire the doctor for his frank expressions. If he and his adherents will continue to act and speak as frankly and straightforward

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in the future, in other words, if they would remove the two words "Tabitha" and "Lutheran" so that people may come to realize that the church affiliation does not exist any longer, then would I, for one, be grateful. As the situation is now, half-Lutheran, half-national, the thing is neither fowl nor fish.

Did the nationals win? Very well, raise the national flag! To wear the cape on both shoulders is hypocrisy, and that sort of thing does not pay for honest men and women.

The people of the Synod had objected most strenuously. They could not think of working together with the other Norwegian-Lutheran church people. No, on the other hand, they decided to enter into a partnership with the nationals. But when they had been placed in the shafts with the nationals they started to kick, and so the mad dance went on.

Certainly, the struggle of the church people for a hospital has been uphill work. Great hopes had been attached to the Tabitha Hospital movement, but

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the movement foundered. The hair splitting question about the "salvation by grace" entered the movement as a ghost out of the past, and in its wake came the tornado that beached the ship.

Oh, well, not much to make a lot of fuss about; just the loss of a building and a piece of land. Worse will happen when the day of reckoning arrives, and it may be found that immortal souls have foundered on account of all the strife and bitterness which the scribes have thrown in among the church people.

The people of the Synod ought to have been farsighted enough to realize that the turnabout they undertook when they relinquished their co-operation with the Christian congregations and joined hands with the nationals, could not help bringing them the disappointment and sorrow which they are now experiencing. They have simply gotten what they deserved.

The Deaconess Hospital, which was started three to four years ago and which has already progressed so well that it now seems feasible to build on the

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lots which have been bought and paid for, is a new example of the noble purpose of erecting a Christian hospital here in Chicago. Christian men and women have been imbued with this humane thought and this time a foundation has been laid to insure the continuation of the Christian connections, because the constitution of the Hospital contains a clause requiring three-fourths of the board of directors to consist of members of congregations under the United Lutheran Church in America. The question is whether this gives sufficient guarantee for such time, as may arrive, when the property of the Hospital shall be of great value, involving large amounts of money. There might be people, if conditions as mentioned were to arrive, who would desire control of the large sums involved, and it might be quite easy, then, to enroll a few hundred members just before an election; then change the paragraph about the "two-thirds". Then vote into the board of directors, people who would discard everything pertaining to the churches.

The one who has suffered burns ought to avoid the fire. The United Lutheran Church is to hold its annual meeting in June. It would be well if the matter of the Deaconess Hospital were taken up for full and careful discussion. As

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long as the United Church is operating this institution (the Hospital), the Church ought to take good care that outsiders do not get a chance to destroy it.

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SOCIETY FOR NORWEGIAN TABITHA HOSPITAL
Meeting of Northwestern Branch

The Northwestern Branch of the Tabitha Hospital Society held its monthly meeting at Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Matson's residence, 609 Cleveland Avenue, last Friday evening. The meeting was well attended and \$20 was paid in monthly fees. Mr. and Mrs. Georg Krognes were received as new members.

A committee was appointed to work for the bazaar of the Tabitha Society to be held at Wicker Park Hall next fall. A few of the members of the Society are to go to Norway this coming summer. They were given the task of buying some Norwegian national articles to be exhibited at the bazaar.

After the business meeting, the hospitable hosts served refreshments.



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THE DEACONESS HOME
FOR THE POOR
OF
CHICAGO

Adolp Jansen, resident.



....The following information concerning the work of the Deaconess Society in Chicago is presented in reply to statements in an article in Skandinaven for April 13, by A. Gually, Seneca, Illinois.

First, the Deaconess Home has never refused admittance to anybody on account of his or her being poor. Frequently we have had to refuse admittance to people simply because every bed was occupied; but our rule is that in case we have a vacant bed and two people are applying for accommodations, one able to pay and one unable to do so, we invariably take in the one who is unable to pay. Of course we expect all who are able to pay to do so,

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since it would hardly be right to expect the money given by charitable people for the aid of such as do not need it. The rate of payment is seven dollars per week for those who pay in full; those who cannot afford the full price are being accommodated for three dollars or four dollars per week, while those who are utterly poor are admitted free.

The annual report for 1898 shows that only one-tenth of the work at the Home for the year mentioned was paid for in full; nine-tenths of the work was fully or partially free. The report for the year 1899 shows that two-tenths of the guests paid in full, while eight-tenths of the guests were served partially or wholly free. For the first quarter of the present year the report shows one-seventh of the guests as paying in full while six-sevenths of the guests were accommodated fully or partly free of charge. In addition, the Home distributed free of charge, food, clothing, medicines, and medical aid to many poor people outside the Home.



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But even if we could not show such a significant charitable activity as indicated above, the cause would deserve support. The purpose of the Deaconess Home is not merely to conduct a hospital; it is also an institution for the training of deaconesses who will be sent from the Home, later on, to take charge of hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, and similar institutions of mercy; or as deaconesses for congregations to help the poor, the sick, and those suffering in other ways, especially in the large cities. It is not to be expected that an institution for the training of the young can support itself, especially when no fee is charged for the training. Such a training institution receives support, not on account of such good as it may do directly, but rather on account of the good influence which may reach society through those who have been trained at the institution. There is also another objective for our work; the care of the poor in their homes. One or more deaconesses are sent out to seek those who are sick or poor or in some way derelict, especially here in Chicago, for whom nobody cares; who have nobody to turn to. A certain amount of this type of aid has been given, but frequently we have been unable to extend this kind of aid because we have not had enough deaconesses; the Home has been



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full of patients.

In regard to the old woman Mr. Daily speaks about, there is probably a misunderstanding. From his description one would judge that the lady was headed for the Home for the Aged, where \$300 is required for admittance as resident. Many take offence at this, saying that this is not charity. If people will use their brains, however, they will realize that also at the Home for Aged a large-scale work of mercy is being done. The old people accepted at that institution may live for five years, ten years, fifteen years, and during such a period of years they are being supplied with food, clothing, care, doctors, and medicine, if they are ill; and finally a respectable burial. How far will \$300 suffice to take care of all of this?



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TABITHA HOSPITAL
Quarterly Meeting - Reports

The Norwegian Tabitha Hospital Society held its quarterly meeting Tuesday evening at Wicker Park Hall. The president, Dr. Sandberg, presided at the meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. H. A. Haugan, presented his report for the months of January, February, and March, showing the following financial situation:

Income for the three months	\$ 2,616.73
Expenses.	2,439.06
Balance in General Fund	177.67
Balance in Subscription Fund.	10.00

The auditing committee reported that the accounts had been examined and found in order. The auditing committee consists of Messrs. C. B. Stange, W. Daniels, and C. Arnatt.

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The secretary's report showed the current expenses for the quarter to have been \$2,759.39. On January 1, 1900 the debt owing on the real estate of the Society amounted to \$5,000. Debt on furnishings amounted to \$1,510. Ninety-six patients have been under treatment during the quarter. Forty-seven of these have recovered completely; seven are improving; nine died; and thirty-two remain in the Hospital under treatment. Twelve patients have been given treatment free of charge, with a total of 253 days of treatment. There have been eighteen partly paying patients with a total of 563 days of treatment. Finally, there have been sixty-six paying patients with a total of 1402 days of treatment, making a grand total of 2,218 hospital treatment days.

Of the patients eighty-seven were from Chicago; one from Illinois outside of Chicago; six from Wisconsin; one from New York; one from North Dakota. Considered from the point of view of nationality, there were twenty-four American patients; thirty-six Norwegians; fifteen Swedes; seven Danes; three Germans; three Englishmen; one Irish; one Finlander;



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one Russian; one Frenchman; one Greek; one Dutchman.

The course for training of nurses is at present attended by eleven students. In the department for the aged there are nine residents.

During the quarter, the board of directors held four meetings. More hospital rooms are needed; the board of directors has rented temporary quarters in the neighborhood. The various reports were accepted by the meeting as rendered.

On behalf of the staff of doctors at the Hospital, Dr. A. Holmboe reported that the Hospital still is over-crowded, and that steps must be taken at once to provide additional rooms for the patients. Many prospective patients have had to be refused admittance on account of lack of room.

Either a new building must be erected or some suitable building must be rented; otherwise the Hospital will lose standing. Now the Hospital is

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well known and highly considered also among the Americans.

Dr. Holmboe's report started a debate about the question of a new building. Several of those present spoke in favor of starting an additional building at once; others, however, advocated a policy of waiting until the present debt is paid.

Attorney Oscar M. Torrison proposed that the board of directors appoint a committee on building to study the question of a new building and present plans for the raising of money, etc. The report of the work of the committee is to be rendered to the board of directors. This motion was passed unanimously.

The visiting committee reported that a bazaar for the benefit of the Hospital Society will be held at Wicker Park Hall during the last week of October.



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TREASURER'S REPORT
To The Norwegian Deaconess Society
(Jan. 2 to Mar. 31, 1900)

Received from the secretary	\$1,301.13
Interest - - - - -	1.05
Total	<u>1,302.18</u>

Expenses from Jan. 2 to Mar. 31, 1900:

Deficit Jan. 2 - - - - -	\$129.57
Groceries - - - - -	133.74
Gas and oil - - - - -	55.65
Milk - - - - -	56.66
Meat - - - - -	97.82
Fish - - - - -	17.44



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Coal and wood - - - - -	\$138.30
Furniture - - - - -	34.41
Wages to servants - - - - -	60.00
Wages to deaconesses - - - - -	178.50
Medicines - - - - -	65.11
Surgical instruments - - - - -	34.77
Rent - - - - -	90.00
Repairs - - - - -	25.32
Printing, postage, etc. - - - - -	8.11
Incidentals - - - - -	8.50
Total - - - - -	\$1,155.40
In Treasury - - - - -	146.78
Grand Total - - - - -	\$1,302.18

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THE NORWEGIAN HOSPITAL

(Editorial)

A committee has been appointed to revise the statutes of the Tabitha Society. This is an important task weighted with responsibilities. One of the tasks of the committee is to determine and define the principles upon which the Society was founded and the promises made in that connection. The basis for the collection of funds for the establishment of a hospital was the clearly expressed promise that the institution was to be completely neutral in regard to denominational matters. Since the Norwegians are divided into many religious groups, it would not have been possible to bring about co-operation on any other basis. Such was the situation at the time of building the hospital, and conditions have not changed since.

However, a large number of the Norwegians in Chicago have somehow gained the conviction that the Tabitha Hospital belongs, in a manner, to a certain religious sect. Even the board of directors has given strength to this

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I C conviction. The attitude of the board has been uncertain and wavering and in several ways in direct contradiction to the unequivocal principles and pledges. These facts have prevented the hospital from gaining such general support from our people as it otherwise would have obtained.

The task and the duty of the committee for revision of the statutes of the Tabitha Society is to correct the situation here referred to. The public expects statutes of a type to make the hospital that which it was intended to be originally; the public expects the hospital to be freed definitely from domination by any church or denomination; that it be made completely neutral so that all Norwegians may be able to feel at home in the institution. If the hospital is to attain this characteristic, there can be no official priest or minister connected with the place and no official hour of worship. Everybody must have the same rights as in his or her own home to seek spiritual advice and consolation according to personal desires. The meetings of the Society ought not to be held in churches, and festivals or fairs held by the Society must be devoid of church influence.

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I C In this manner the hospital may gain the desired general acclaim of our people. This is a necessary condition for its development and growth.

The work of the committee is being watched intently by our people, and it is hoped that the confidence and trust placed in the committee will not be betrayed.

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THE TABITHA HOSPITAL

The Tabitha Hospital celebrated its fifth anniversary last Tuesday. The hospital must soon be enlarged; its business has grown to such an extent that in the last year hundreds of patients were turned away.

Scandia, July 15, 1899.

THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN TABITHA SOCIETY

At the quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society, held in the Humboldt Park Pavilion, the following report was given:

The treasurer, H. A. Haugan, reported a total income of \$4,081.42 and total expenses of \$3,783.50. This report includes the Seventeenth of May affair, the proceeds of which amounted to \$2,305, with expenses of \$1,167.

The expenses of the Tabitha Hospital were \$2,165.70 for the quarter. Seventy patients were admitted; 24 were carried over from the last quarter; 73 were checked out; 45 of the 73 were cured; 7 died. Of the 70 new patients, 36 were Norwegian, 22 American, 15 Swedish, 6 Danish, 3 Greek, 3 English, 4 Russian, 2 Hungarian, 1 French, 1 German, and 1 Welsh. After the business meeting, Olaf Ray and Dr. Mary Olsen gave short addresses on the importance of building a new hospital.

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NURSES' SCHOOL



The Tabitha Hospital's Training School for Nurses is in the headlines again. Everyone says that it is the leading school in Chicago. It is the outstanding monument that will make the Scandinavian name live forever in Chicago.

Dr. Karl Sandberg of the Board of Directors, awarded the diplomas to the graduating nurses, congratulating them in his original way.

Then, Dr. Marie Olsen sent them on their way with the following words: "We are here tonight to celebrate the graduation of the second class of nurses from the Norwegian Hospital Training School for Nurses.

"This is the second class, the second crop of trained workers in the sick room that this school is sending out; it is an occasion of equal interest to the school and to the nurses.

"A school is naturally interested in securing for its pupils the best advantages for a thorough education. This is required because of pride, moral obligation, and competition.

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"I. A school takes pride in having a fine class of students. By the word "fine" I mean good, well-bred, industrious, intelligent students. It takes pride to secure for this class the best teaching, the best instruction that will make them the most competent to exercise this responsible vocation.

"It takes pride to see that these pupils, after having finished their course of instruction and started out for themselves, are doing well, both for others and for themselves, rendering efficient service and being well-compensated for it.

"II. The school feels that it is under a moral obligation to all its pupils, not only while [they are] in the institution, and is ever ready later to assist them in any way possible. We like to secure employment for our graduates, the kind of employment for which they seem most fitted, aid them with advice, invite them to visit the school occasionally to refresh their memories and absorb new ideas.

"III. It is quite natural as a matter of business that we should endeavor to keep our school up to the highest standard; competition is so great, and progress



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so rapid that if we don't want to fall behind, we have ever to strive onward and forward. The hospital is young as yet; the training school small; the number of our graduates small, but if we look back upon our short existence of three years, I think we may safely say that what has been accomplished is very satisfactory.

"The equipment of the hospital is fully modernized, the instruction of the nurses is equal to the best in the city, and I think that I can safely predict that in years to come the young graduates that are leaving us now will be proud to think of this place as their Alma Mater.

"There is no doubt about it; the Norwegian Hospital has a great future before it; the best guarantee for its establishment is the great need of such an institution in the West, and the earnestness and integrity of the people that stand by it.

"Chicago is fast becoming the great medical center of the West, not to say of the United States and so many of our countrymen have settled on these western plains and are often in need of hospital accommodations. They will now take



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to Chicago instead of going to the East or even to the old country as formerly. They will now be coming to us; they will find that the facilities that we can offer in every branch of medicine and surgery is as good as anywhere; and, moreover, they will find that for which our people have yearned for years; they will find a homelike environment where everyone within its walls is able to understand them and is able to talk their language. Some of you may have an idea of what this means, if you have come upon strangers in this country without being able to understand or make yourselves understood, but how much it means to the suffering patient who may be waiting for hours until the set time for the attendant to come around again, not being able, in the meantime, to express his wants and needs, perhaps few of you can realize; truly, those hours must be long--they must seem endless.

"By supplying the need of such a home institution, (if I may call it so) the founders of this hospital have certainly rendered our nation the greatest service here in a foreign land--a God sent blessing to the afflicted it truly is. And it is to be hoped that the spirit of mercy that moved the hearts of these noble men and women to take up this task will always live in them and

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will spread and penetrate as far as the Norwegian language goes, and that everyone--high and low, rich and poor--will feel that it is his duty, his interest, to support it and promote its welfare in every way.



"We know that the highest degree of success in an enterprise in a community is obtained only where there is harmonious co-operation; every individual must turn his efforts towards the common good. We are aware that even friends may hold differing views on various subjects and have controversies on certain topics, but there is a universal sentiment all over the world, with which we all agree, that is, that the sick, the aged, the homeless and friendless should be dealt with kindly; they should be properly cared for in every respect. The more highly civilized, the more highly developed the individual and the nation, the more highly developed is this sense of responsibility towards the weak. Let us, therefore, put aside personal interest, personal feeling, if it should be incompatible with the common good. Let us join hands and stand together as friends in this understanding in order to make it a success, of which it is deserving by virtue of its noble aim.

"Among the workers within this institution, whose lot it will be to do the greatest amount of good, whose services and influence will be the most far-

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reaching, is the trained nurse.

"We must naturally suppose that she is a woman of refined feeling, of noble sentiment and thought, possessing extraordinary tact, in short, she must be a person with a true education of the heart.

"Not every woman who is able to fulfill these requirements usually demanded of her for admission to a training school for nurses is qualified for this calling--for a calling it should be.

"If she seeks entrance into this profession with only the aim of securing an education in order to make a profitable living, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred she will be a failure financially and otherwise. If she seeks the occupation, because, in her mind, it puts her above the level of ordinary laboring women whose labors she is inclined to call drudgery and menial work, she will make a grievous mistake. Just as surely as the other type is a failure, this one also is heading toward her doom.



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"No, young women! Don't make either of these mistakes! If you are not inspired by a desire to do good, to relieve sick and suffering humanity, to go out into the darkness of ignorance and spread the light of truth and knowledge; if you are not imbued with enthusiasm to add your mite for the betterment of the human family, I am afraid that you have missed your mark; I am afraid that you are going to be a disappointment to yourselves and to your friends, and not at all an honor to your profession.

"As far as the work is concerned, I think there is none harder; there is no hardship, no menial work, no sacrifice too great, too severe for her to carry. She enters the home of sickness and sorrow and everyone within that household is ready and willing to turn over all their cares and worries to her; she relieves the suffering patient, consoles the troubled and anxious relatives and friends and by her very presence and bearing she inspires everyone with confidence and hope in this home, which a few hours ago was one of pain, despair, and hopelessness. She has worked a wonderful change. The patient is slumbering peacefully, the anxious countenances have smoothened out and broadened into a confident smile.... Let us follow her into the night; while the world is asleep she is still standing guard. She is watching the failing pulse that tells of



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the ebb and flow of human life; she is watching the countenance of the sleeping patient, over whom hovers the angel of death. She has taken up the fight between darkness and light; she is adding strength to the flickering flame of life and you will still find her at her post of duty when the Giver of all glory sends his reassuring greeting with the morning twilight.

"It is not only in the mansions of the rich, but also in the hovels of the poor that we meet this merciful sister.

"Many of our trained nurses would much prefer to go among our sick and suffering poor, because, as they say, 'They need me the most.' The value of her services and influence among this class of people can hardly be overestimated. She does not minister only to their bodily ills, she also serves as a guide to their resurrection.

"With womanly instinct, keen perception, knowledge of human nature and its failings, she clearly sees where the trouble comes in, and realizing that disease, sin, and sorrow most frequently are fruits of ignorance, the lack of knowledge,

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she spends as much of her energy as she can in order to teach and uplift these unfortunate friends. And they know that they have found a friend. She does not come there as a person of great power, as an officer of the law who is going to enforce certain rules and regulations, but she comes there in their trouble to offer them a helping hand. She comes there as "a friend in need." Her entrance is hailed with a welcome as are her suggestions. People will wonderingly inquire, 'How did this happen?' And every member of that family will gladly give her the credit and say, 'She did it.'

"Thus it is brought about that light and sunshine with all its blessings have fallen upon this family. The very air is purified; the dust of carelessness and indifference has been dispersed, the rust of neglect, mismanagement and hatred has disappeared. There is order and clearliness; there is content and well-being, there is death (sic), happiness, and good morals (sic). She has taught them the necessity of looking after the welfare of the human body and its surroundings. She has proven to them the value of fresh air and sunshine, cleanliness, proper food, and clothing, the value of rest and good habits.

"Thus, she wanders on from house to house giving aid and spreading blessings.



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You may see this lonely wanderer by day or night courageously and fearlessly traveling through the poorer districts of our large city. There is no need of fear because every one knows her mission. There is no wretch so wicked that he would want to attack her. Most likely he feels a pang of remorse as he passes her on the streets.

"You may think that hers is a lonely and dreary life. But if we ask her, I am sure that she would say she would not exchange it for anything in the world. She gets more pleasure, more satisfaction out of this work than from any other she could imagine. She sees friends and smiling faces at every turn--the reflection of her own image.

"I have drawn for you the pictures of noble women, doing good work each in their sphere. You will find as many types of them as there are shades of color. In the measure of their fitness and abilities, their opportunities are their success."



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Later, Dr. A. B. Oyen, president of the medical staff said, in part, the following:

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"The Training School for Nurses of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital tonight sends out its second class of trained nurses. Beginning in a small way, the first class graduated numbered two members. The class that is graduating this evening consists of four members--not a large but still a gratifying increase.

"The aim of the training school during the three years of its existence has been to furnish its pupils with such theoretical and clinical instruction as shall prepare them for careful nursing at the bedside, as well as in general surgical work.



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"In harmony with this purpose, every year the various members of the hospital staff deliver from forty to fifty lectures to the student nurses including such subjects as are necessary to give them a fair understanding of the fundamental principles of medicine and surgery. Notes are taken on these lectures, and certain hours of the day are devoted to study and reading of textbooks. At different times during the year both oral and written examinations are held, and the standing of each pupil is carefully marked.

"The clinical instruction of the nurse is as varied and comprehensive as the number of patients admitted into the hospital. By observation and actual contact she has opportunities to notice various symptoms and manifestations of disease, the general remedial and hygienic measures instituted for the relief of the patient, and the particular diet ordered for each case. This practical, everyday experience becomes valuable in proportion as the pupil uses and develops her powers of observation and comparison.

"In surgical work the nurse receives special training. After careful instruction from the head nurse, she is given the care and responsibility of the operating



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rooms for a month at a time, and several times during the course. During this period she is required to keep the operating room most immaculately clean, and to have the appliances and surgical supplies always in readiness for any operation or emergency. The different operations that are performed by members of the staff from time to time, instruction for the recuperating interval and the surgical dressing of the patients also give the nurse most valuable experience and training, which fit her for active work when she leaves the hospital.

"Thus, practical and theoretical training go hand in hand.

"Not every young woman has the requisite qualifications for the development of an efficient nurse. In order to be able to stand the strain that will be frequently brought to bear upon her, a sound constitution and good physical health are indispensable. Then, too, she must be a person of intelligence, with the foundation of a good, common school education, and the ability to apply herself to reading and study. She should also be endowed with a fair amount of ordinary, everyday common sense that will enable her to adapt herself to the changing circumstances that arise. Education and training cannot take the place of tact, foresight, and good judgment.



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"With all this, the young woman who aspires to become a trained nurse, should possess a special liking and aptitude for the work. Her work should not be done in a perfunctory manner, but with a cheerfulness and heartiness of spirit, born of love for her chosen profession. With patience in dealing with the fretfulness and irritability that often accompany diseased conditions, with kindness of heart and sympathetic tone of voice, the nurse who has received a thorough training and is firm and conscientious in the performance of her duties, will achieve success in her vocation.

"This may not always mean pecuniary success. For in the life of the nurse, as well as in that of the physician, services will at times need to be rendered gratuitously, or nearly so. This cannot well be avoided and, if inspired by a genuine love for one's work, it will not be felt burdensome.

"But on the other hand, the "laborer is worthy of his hire." The kindness of heart and generosity of soul which may inspire those who care for the sick, should not lead them to spend valuable time and effort without proper compensation.



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"To the class that graduates tonight. I would stress the importance of keeping up your studies. Do not throw aside your books because you have passed your examinations. Lay out a plan of reading on subjects that have a bearing on your work. Observe closely the cases you are taking care of, and during your spare moments read up on matters that you do not comprehend. Keep yourselves informed. The science of medicine is making steady advancement, and, in order to be successful and abreast of the times, you must keep yourselves informed. Subscribe to some good journal on nursing and kindred subjects and thus keep yourselves in touch with the most advanced thought in your line of work. Like the physician, the nurse is apt to forget herself and neglect her health. You cannot work night and day for any length of time without injuring yourselves. Sleep is nature's great restorer. By all means, arrange for certain hours of sleep day or night.

"See to it that you get your meals regularly, and thus avoid indigestion, with all its misery and early breakdown.

"Your work will bring you in most intimate contact with the home life of the



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families you enter, and in the course of your stay you may come to possess various individual and family secrets. Let me impress upon you the fact that **these are professional secrets** and that, like the physician under similar circumstances, you are to keep them inviolate and sacred. The gossiping nurse will soon discover that there will be little or no demand for her services.

"You have chosen a noble profession, and it opens great possibilities before you. Concentrate all your efforts on one object; throw all your energies of soul into it, and you will achieve true success in life."

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The first two nurses trained at the Norwegian Hospital (Tabitha) have received their diplomas. It was two years ago that the nurses' school at the hospital was opened. The superintendent, Mr. Oscar Torrison, congratulated the staff on its success, and said:

"On behalf of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Society of Chicago and its board of directors, I wish to bid you all a hearty welcome to the first graduating exercises of the Norwegian Lutheran Tabitha Hospital Training School for nurses.

"Our hospital and training school for nurses have been in existence a little over two years. I congratulate the society upon having passed through these two years without any loss or accident by fire or the

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elements, and upon the fact that during these two years of financial depression and hard times, the hospital has been able not only to live, but to relieve much suffering and want among the poor, unfortunate, and sick Scandinavians of our community. During these two years, our hospital has rendered 3,442 days of service to charity patients and 926 to those that are classed as half charity patients. That we have been able to do this much for the cause of charity is largely due to the self-sacrifice of the women of our society, who with so much kindness and sympathy, have devoted themselves to the cause represented by the hospital.

"I congratulate the society upon having so many noble women enlisted in its cause, and I congratulate them upon the success which has crowned their efforts. Our hospital is fortunate, and is to be congratulated, too, upon the great interest that has been taken in it by its able medical and surgical staff members who have devoted so much of their valuable



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time to the advancement of the hospital, to the medical attendance and surgical aid offered not only to hospital patients who have been able to pay for themselves, but also to the charity patients who have been so unfortunate as to need medical or surgical aid without having means of their own to secure it.

"I should like to pause here to pay a tribute of respect and thanks, on behalf of the Society and its board of directors, to that distinguished surgeon who stands at the head of our surgical staff--our surgeon-in-chief--I refer to Dr. C. Fenger (a Dane), whose high ideals in regard to his noble profession and whose greatness of heart have led him to give so much of his valuable time and skill to our hospital for the cause of humanity and charity. We thank him for it; we congratulate ourselves upon having it.

"The nurses in our training school are to be congratulated upon the opportunity afforded them of getting their knowledge and instruction from



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men of such high standing in their profession. Our society has reason to congratulate itself upon the further fact, that in the selection of applicants for admission to the training school, we have found a corps of nurses whose ambition to succeed in their calling, whose devotion to their duty, whose conduct and behavior during their connection with our institution have been a constant source of gratification to our board of directors. Of our first graduating class, the class that graduates this evening; Mrs. Amelia Vandell and Miss Dalborg Brække, I am glad to be able to say, conscientiously, that they have the confidence and respect of the entire board of directors, and that we feel and believe that in the career which they are now about to carve out for themselves, they will not only reflect credit upon the institution from which they graduate for proficiency in their chosen profession, but, that wherever duty calls them, they will go with the devotion of the true woman and the true nurse upon their mission of charity among the sick.



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"Others will speak to you of the importance of trained nurses to the community. Others will talk to you of our training school, of charity and of other matters. I wish only to speak by way of introduction, to bid you welcome and to say to you that we have a hospital: bright, cheerful and homelike; well-equipped for giving medical and surgical aid; an operating room, much praised by the attending surgeons; a larger staff of **Scandinavian** physicians, surgeons and specialists than any other hospital in the country and containing many men eminent in their professions and in their specialties.

"Yet the real work of the hospital has only just begun. It remains with a generous public, and for the future to bring it to that full measure of usefulness which the nobleness of the cause deserves, and which we hope and believe it will attain."

Mr. Torreson was followed by Dr. Hetoen, who delivered his address.



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After referring to the methods of caring for the sick in olden times and during the Middle Ages, he showed that the modern training school for nurses was essentially an American institution, the first effort in this **direction** having been made in the Philadelphia Lying-in Charity Hospital, in 1828.

"The American training schools have reached the highest degree of excellence, and the evolution of the training school and the trained nurse was traced to the higher value now being placed upon human life and health, as shown by the universal efforts made to improve the sanitary conditions and to give the sick and injured the most intelligent care.

"Nursing is no longer a low, menial occupation, but trained nursing is an art and a science. In America it is looked upon as a dignified profession, the followers of which are women of refinement and some culture.



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"Sickness is universal and trained nurses are, in reality, just as much a necessity, perhaps more so, in the country than in the city. The field for the activity of the trained nurse, especially among the Norwegian settlers, is practically unlimited. As long as birth, sickness and death do not pass away, trained nurses will remain a necessity; this being so, the quality of the nurse is not a matter of indifference, but of profound interest to the sick as well as to the healthy.

"The trained nurse is the right hand of the physician and surgeon. Many a case of sickness recovers more because of good nursing than as a result of the doctor's skill. Trained nurses relieve a vast amount of needless suffering of the curable as well as incurable sick. 'When I come to die,' says Gross, America's greatest surgeon, 'give me plenty of light and fresh air in my room; and at my bedside, a trained and kind nurse.'

"The qualities that make the trained nurse so indispensable were stated



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to be: good health, neat habits; kindness, patience, and a sweet temper; a discreet tongue; good judgment; and alertness of mind--a rare combination, but, when present in some degree, and improved by training, the requirements of the sick room would be fulfilled. Poor, indifferent nurses are often dangerous persons, liable to degenerate into gossips, vendors of wonderful cures, illicit practitioners of medicine, and frauds. The lack of proper knowledge on the part of the honest, untrained nurse, stands in the way of her usefulness, even though she may have the 'knack' of nursing in the highest degree. The trained nurse not only knows but feels that the secrets of the sick room are sacred. Her pride in, and consciousness of, the dignity of her calling prevent her from ever becoming a quack. She knows that to be honest and punctual in following the directions of the doctor is her first duty. She knows the hygiene of the sick room, of the patient, of her own person. She aims to have only pleasant impressions reach the patient, and sheds light and courage about her which rob disease of half its fears and pangs.



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"The trained nurse must be trained in heart, in hand, and in mind. This requires hospitals. American hospitals, in general, have training schools for nurses. In Chicago, all the hospitals have training schools, except Catholic hospitals and a few others. This fact alone shows that the training school is considered to bring the best and the largest results. It does, indeed, give the best nurses to the hospital, because there is a general belief that whenever we do a practical thing and teach others how to do it, then we do it best and most carefully. The graduate nurses continue the good work of the hospital outside of its walls; maybe in places where it is even more necessary.

"The Norwegian Hospital is to be congratulated upon having established, so early in its career, a training school with comprehensive, modern, and the best views. The public, which naturally contributes to this hospital, should have just as much interest in its training school, as in its work of caring for the sick in its wards and rooms. As each year sees a small flock of trained nurses pass out to earn their living



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and do good, the work and influence of the hospital are extended. The friends and well-wishers of the hospital should never forget that the training school for nurses is the best way to enlarge the scope of the work of the hospital and at the same time secure the best kind of nursing for the patients in the hospital.

"It should be the duty of the individual father of a family, as well as his privilege, to secure the best attention in case of sickness or ailment of any kind, by either having the patient enter the hospital or by transforming the private dwelling into a temporary hospital. In sickness, so far as economy in money is concerned, relief from pain and suffering, saving time, the best hope for a speedy recovery are secured by availing oneself early of the best means now in existence for the care of the sick, namely: the careful physician, the modern hospital, and the trained nurse.



...."The first nurses to leave the hospital were loath to go. They said they

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would feel the loss of continued training. It seemed that probationary nurses taking their places were happy.

"The hospital stands as a monument to Scandinavian thrift and culture. May it, thus, stand forever!"



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THE DIAKONISSE HOSPITAL AND HOME

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Lately the daily press has printed a number of vicious articles about the "Norwegian Diakonissee Hospital", and the "Diakonissee Home".

The lies printed, especially in the Herald, were so vicious and slanderous, that we felt something should be done about it. So we asked the Department of Health to make an investigation. When the investigation was completed, a copy of the report was mailed to the Herald, but that honest (?) newspaper refused to print same, stating that they did not care "a damn" about any report--they knew the truth.

In order to clear up the situation, we publish the report--which reads as follows:



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City of Chicago, Department of Health

John D. Wace, M. D., Commissioner

E. Garrott, M. D., Chief Medical Inspector

July 28, 1892

Dear Sir:

As per your request, I visited the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Institute at 190 Humboldt Street, yesterday afternoon, and remained there about one hour, carefully inspecting this place, which is also called the Diakonisse Hospital, and all that appertains to its sanitary environs, and herewith respectfully submit the subjoined report for your perusal.

"The building is a neat two-story and basement frame structure, erected (all aboveground) upon the rear portion of a lot 41x120 ft., and contains



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"Some of the rooms are of moderate size, one of the largest is the front room situated on the second floor, and may be named a men's ward. This ward contains four beds; each is occupied by an adult male patient; three of the patients have typhoid fever, two of whom are convalescents, while the



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IV other bed is occupied by a paralytic male adult. Adjoining this room is a smaller front room with one bed which is occupied by an adult male convalescent typhoid case.

"To the rear of the large ward just described is a women's ward, occupied by two adult patients, one of whom is an aged woman who is a paralytic case, while the other woman occupant of this ward is Margrita Johnson, age 38, afflicted with uterine cancer. Adjoining this rear women's ward is a smaller women's ward, occupied by two patients, one of whom is a convalescent typhoid patient named Miss Sarah Gunderson, age 56.

"The other patient occupying this ward is Miss Gertie Figwed, age 23; her malady is phthisis.

"This concludes the number of patients who occupy the four wards of the second floor, summarized thus:



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IV Four men and one woman whose illness is of a typhoid character; four of these--three men and one woman--are convalescent; two aged cases, both of whom are paralytics, one male and one female; one case, uterine cancer; one case phthisis pulmonalis; this patient sits up most of the time. This is the young lady referred to above.

"The front room of the first floor is large and airy, and is occupied by Sister Matie Langanet who is seriously ill with typhoid fever, her illness having already extended over a period of four weeks. Her constant companions or nurses are Sister Bertha Berg, Diakonisse, and Sister Amalia Kittelson, Diakonisse, who alternate night and day in tenderly administering to their afflicted sister; if her illness should prove fatal, it can truthfully be said of her that she gave up her life in devotion to the cause of nursing and relieving others.

"In addition to the sisters named, there is Sister Esther Koldrup, Secretary



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IV of the Tabitha Deaconess Society; she, however, does not reside in the hospital as do the others.

"Reverend N. C. Brun is the estimable president of the Society; his residence is No. 64 Humboldt Blvd.

"You asked me to report upon the treatment, or rather the disposition of the body of Chas. J. Ellefsen. Mr. Ellefsen died of typhoid fever at the hospital a few days ago. To be exact, his death occurred last Saturday morning, the 23rd; his body was embalmed and placed in a casket, thence carefully removed at 10 A. M. from the second story of the hospital, via the outside stairway leading from the yard to the room where he died. This course was adopted because otherwise the undertaker and his two assistants would have been obliged to pass with the casket containing the body through the room where poor Sister Matie Langanet was ill, before reaching the small house in the rear of the adjacent lot where the remains of Ellefson were placed. This was done carefully and decently, and the casket remained there, carefully secured until



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IV nine o'clock Sunday morning. There was nothing revolting in this procedure, on the other hand, the improvised death house or morgue has the appearance of cleanliness throughout its interior, and I took special pains to inquire into the condition of these premises also.

"Pastor Brun preached a funeral sermon Sunday morning, the 24th, over the remains of Ellefson, at the church whence they had been taken for this purpose, and after this Christian service, the remains were borne to one of the cemeteries for interment.

"While at the hospital I conversed with the pastor and the sisters above-named upon various matters, and also (unaccompanied by any of the attendants) with Carl Oulie, age 23, six weeks ill with typhoid fever; John Johnson, age 34, who had been there four weeks, suffering with this disease; P. S. Lee, age 42, who had been three months ill with typhoid, he having suffered a relapse a few weeks ago; Miss Gertie Figwed who had been there eight weeks, for previously mentioned reasons; Miss Sarah Gunderson, who had been there



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IV two weeks; Mrs. Margrita Johnson, who had been confined for the past six weeks, and with others, and they all united in expressing the highest words of praise, regarding the universal kindness these sisters had extended to them while at the hospital.

"The garbage refuse is cremated in the large range in the kitchen. The water used is first boiled, then filtered or strained through a linen cloth, placed in a fine sieve, and afterwards placed in a zinc receptacle in a large refrigerator containing an abundant supply of ice.

"The alley to the rear of the building, extending north from Cortland Street, is in good condition, no decaying vegetable or organic matter was noticed.

"The Society operated by these good Sisters charges \$7.00, \$5.00, and \$3.50 per week for nursing, professional services, medicines, food, etc., and in indigent cases (the latter are probably the greater number admitted), no



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IV charge is made. The hospital was first opened November 1st, 1891. One month later, December 1st, the first patient was admitted, and to date ninety-nine patients in all have been received, one patient having typhoid fever being admitted during the hour and a half that I was at the hospital yesterday. Of this number, six have died from the following diseases:

"Two of consumption, one of old age (85 I was informed), one of brain disease, and two of typhoid fever. The last named was Ellefson who was brought to the hospital in a moribund condition, and was not expected to recover.

"The Society admits sufferers from all types of disease except small pox, scarlet fever and diphtheria. Patients of all creeds and nationalities are admitted, although to date none but Scandinavians have applied for admission. I might state in addition to those I have named, that there are other women nurses, besides two scrub women, one washerwoman, one cook, and one night watchman.

"So far as I am aware, this is the first hospital of the kind established by

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IV this Society anywhere in the West, and I am pleased to add in conclusion that there are other points I could suggest in this report is necessary. The fact that this Society is performing a Christian and noble duty, their devotion to cause and principle, almost without hope of pecuniary reward, I may say, should merit success and the best wishes of a well-disposed and philanthropic public".

Very respectfully yours,
Liston H. Montgomery,
Medical Inspector.



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DAY NURSERY

Report on charity work at Deaconess Mission, 1759 North Campbell
Avenue, Chicago, from May 1, 1919, to May 1, 1920

Another year of our work has closed, and we are thankful to God and to the
Deaconess Home for the joy experienced in our field of labor. We respectfully
submit the following report:

	Days	Average Attendance
Day Nursery children	305	13
School Nursery children	353	17
Average number of Nursery children during year . .		30
Kindergarten	193	26
Sunday school	52	62
Sewing class	32	26

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Days Average Attendance

Mothers' meetings	25	14
Bible class	40	8
Meals served to Nursery children		17,280
Free meals given to adults		195
Calls made		313
Garments given away		1,400
Pairs of shoes		146
Hats and caps		137
Pairs of mittens and stockings		170

We gave out six chickens for Thanksgiving and served supper at our mission to nineteen Nursery mothers, thirty-eight Nursery children, and fourteen visitors. Of our Christmas festivals the one most enjoyed was the entertaining of 140 poor at our Deaconess Home.

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Six of our children and one mother received free care at our hospital this year. We are thankful to the hospital for its generous co-operation in our work. We are also grateful for free medical service rendered to our Nursery children by our staff doctors and by Dr. Nils Remmen and for the many calls made by Dr. Penchina.

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LYDIA CHILDREN'S HOME

The new Lydia Children's Home was dedicated yesterday with the usual ceremonies. Several people of the congregation of Salem Church conceived the idea of opening another children's home, which was badly needed. A society was organized, the Lydia Children's Home Society, to raise funds for the new home.

On July 8, 1917, a small house on Richmond Street was rented, and the home was opened with seven children as inmates. In October of the same year a larger house was rented on Kedvale Avenue near Irving Park Avenue; in this house there was room for sixteen children. Soon this also had become too small. In March, 1919, the Society rented another house, next door to the one on Kedvale Avenue, with room for nineteen more children. In less than a week this house was filled to capacity.

On June 27, 1919, the Society bought a house at Irving Park Avenue and Kildare Avenue. Here it could accomodate sixty children, and room could be made for

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sixty more. In this house there is a large hall capable of seating seven hundred people.

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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME

We give below the quarterly financial report of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home. The financial report of our societies and institutions is a barometer of success or failure.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on deposit, April 1, 1920.....	\$54.14
Balance at the Home, April 1, 1920.....	35.00
Deposits by financial secretary.....	1,118.71
Cash bills paid by financial secretary.....	2.00
Receipts at the Home.....	1,485.42
Proceeds from farm (estimated).....	378.55
Club West donation.....	71.41
Endowment fund (Victory Bond donated).....	50.00
Endowment fund (interest accrued).....	6.70

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Notes Payable (loan at State Bank).....	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$5,201.93</u>

Disbursements

General expenses.....	\$3,827.85
Wills (expense on legacy).....	5.00
Treasurer's endowment fund.....	56.70
Balance at Home.....	315.10
Balance on deposit.....	<u>997.28</u>
	<u>\$5,201.93</u>

Financial Secretary's Quarterly Report

Receipts of matron at Home

Donations.....	\$320.00
Children's care.....	1,089.00
Miscellaneous.....	<u>115.98</u>
	<u>\$1,524.98</u>

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Receipts of Financial Secretary

Interest on legacy (Erik Waldeland).....	\$12.99
Dues.....	111.00
Donations.....	412.40
Special collection at 22nd annual May festival.....	207.09
Receipts of annual picnic.....	275.53
Bazaar and picnic tickets.....	35.60
Ads in annual report.....	56.75
Box collections.....	7.35
Loan from State Bank.....	2,000.00

\$4,663.69 [sic]

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society was held last night. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided. Of the reports delivered at the meeting, we will give only the financial report of the treasurer as follows:

Balance on hand, January 1, 1920.\$ 1,851.50
General income	1,795.43
	.\$ 3,646.93
Disbursements	<u>3,557.79</u>
Balance on hand\$ 89.14

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THE HOME FINDING SOCIETY

The Norwegian Home Finding Society held its annual convention last night. The meeting was opened by the president, Reverend M. E. Fretheim, who reported as follows:

"Like Cornelia of old, we present our children as our jewels. Our three houses have been full all year. Generally speaking, our large family has been blessed with good health, and for this we thank the Lord. And we do not forget the watchfull care of the matron, Mrs. Bremner, her associates, and our faithful physician, Dr. M. A. Unseth. Just at present, however, we have a very sick boy, Clifford Hanson, at the Children's Memorial Hospital. We should remember him in our prayers. The discipline has been commendable, for which the Society compliments those in charge and the children.

"The Society is to be congratulated on its present staff at the Home. All are members of our churches and are known as active Christian workers.

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IV Mrs. Bremner, our matron, took charge on March 1, 1918, and has filled her difficult position with credit. Mrs. Francis Cowan, who is in charge of the girls' cottage, has a long period of splendid service to her credit. Miss Mollie Johnson entered service of the Home on June last June 10, and has done great things for our smaller boys. Mrs. Ellert Knudson took up her work New Year's Day. Together with her departed husband, who for several years was our treasurer, she is known as one of the ardent friends of the Home.

"At present there are 42 children in the Home: 16 boys between the ages of 8 and 13 in the main building in charge of Mrs. Bremner and Mrs. Knudson; 13 boys between 3 and 8 in the boys cottage in charge of Miss Johnson; 13 girls between 3 and 13 in the girls' cottage in charge of Mrs. Cowan; three children have been placed in private homes with good prospects for adoption.

"A new era has dawned with the passing of the homewrecker and the orphan maker --the saloon. Not that our work will be minimized--no, never! Christ says: "The poor ye have always with you," so will we also have the poor and homeless

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IV children. But the work will be more encouraging as there will be more hope of doing it as it should be done. In the past, many a worthy widow applied in vain for a lift and has had to earn her bread with her child in her arms because drunken fathers and mothers have dumped their children in the homes so that they might be free to sin. As this truth becomes clear to all the friends of our children's homes, they will give more freely and gladly than ever, knowing that every dollar goes for real and constructive charity.

"The great work for the Home done by the Erie Branch in Our Saviors Church is well known, and we are glad to state that during the past year several other branches have been started. The next to be organized was the Park View Branch, with Mrs. Kleefish as treasurer. Then the Lake View Branch was organized under the leadership of Mrs. O. N. Olsen. Mrs. S. Thompson has worked with great success to secure members in the new union of St. Paul's and St. John's congregations. May this development continue in our city and country congregations until the many strong branches shall give our Home Finding

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IV tree a body so full and strong that all the homeless little ones among our people may find shelter therein.

"Anyone who has seen the list of donations to our Home for the holidays must feel the truth of the favorite song of our children: "My Father is rich in houses and lands; I am the child of a King." The same is evident throughout the year. During the last vacation season, Reverend Conrad Engelstad and his good people at Ottawa gave 15 of our children a vacation in the country. It is needless to say that the children were delighted. We trust that several congregations in the country will adopt their method of doing the King's business so that our children may go in groups for a summer vacation.

"Besides the Home Finding Sewing Circle, Children's Welfare, and other societies that work for our Home, a new society with this program has been organized; it is known as the Martha Maria Society. A committee has recently sent out statements and last year's reports, and results are loading the treasurer's desk

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IV every day. The matron's and treasurer's reports will give enlightening surveys of their respective fields.

"For the present we have but one advice to the Society--work with increased energy and devotion to establish and strengthen the Home in its present policy and program. With a full house, and more seeking admission, with a staff in charge at the Home that cannot be surpassed, with a host of loyal supporters all around, with God's help--we have no fears for the future.

"M. L. Fretheim, President."

Mrs. Ida Brenner's report follows:

"Again we have reason to thank the Lord for his wonderful goodness, and with one accord say: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name for His goodness and mercy toward us in the year of 1919.

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"At the beginning of the year, we had 35 children in the Home, and as the days went on, the number increased; at the end of January, 6 dear little children were added to our family; in February, 2 more knocked at our door and were admitted. The number reached 43. Think of it: 43 children in need of shelter in the cold winter days. Let us open our hearts to the dear unfortunate children and help them as they come to us. Our Heavenly Father said: 'What ye do unto the least of these, ye do unto me.' Later on another child entered our Home, making a total of 44. No more room! What shall we do? Institutions are filled; many more have applied for a home, but could not be admitted. Let us do all we can while the day is at hand to help the homeless children.

"We had 61 children in our charge during 1919; of these, 26 were admitted, 16 released, 2 placed in private homes, and 1 placed for adoption. At present we have 42 children at the Home. One of our boys was taken ill with pneumonia and sent to the Children's Memorial Hospital on January 15; the other children

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IV are in good health.

"Among the 42 children 14 of these are dependent upon us for their existence. How thankful we are that God gave us the ability and cheerful willingness to help them. I wish to extend my humble but grateful thanks to the president, Reverend L. E. Fretheim, Reverend Elias Masmussen, and the board of directors for their assistance; to Dr. M. Unseth for his readiness to care for our children in times of sickness; to Dr. Marloe, Dr. DeWitz and the Deaconess Hospital for attending one of our boys who took seriously ill last summer; to Miss Connell, principal of the public school; to the doctor, nurse, and teachers of this school for their special attention given our children; to the barbers, Victor L. Hansen, G. Fisher, and A. Beck who cut the children's hair without charge; to Mr. Madsen for keeping our plumbing in repair.

"I cannot mention the names of all our kind friends in Ottawa, Malta, and Lee, Illinois, and in various circles, and societies, nor can I name all of our individual friends who have sent generous gifts to us and who have shown their

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IV interest in our Home. I wish to thank our loyal workers who managed the tag day and collected the sum of \$2,306.89. May we again look to all our friends for their kind assistance. I also wish to show my appreciation to our co-workers, Mrs. Frances Cowen, Miss Lollie Johnson, and Charlotte Knudson, for the excellent service they are rendering the Home and its children.

"Again I wish to thank you one and all. May our Heavenly Father bless you as you do your part from day to day to make a bright tomorrow.

"Sincerely yours in the work,
"Mrs. Ida Bremner, Matron."

A complete report was given from the branches and circles.

The treasurer then gave his report as follows:

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Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1919.	\$675.86
Cottage and playground donations.	338.91
Loan.	500.00
Dues.	517.00
Donations.	556.24
Society donations.	944.60
Tag day.	2,306.59
Board.	3,198.50
Miscellaneous.	133.16
Miscellaneous.	23.04
Total.	<u>\$9,193.90</u>

Expenditures

Salaries.	\$ 1,413.75
Groceries.	3,277.69
Miscellaneous.	1,807.98
Notes.	<u>750.00</u>

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Total expenditures.	\$7,249.42
Cash on hand.	\$1,944.92

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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

The following are some of the reports made at the quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A few years ago the Home in Edison Park was built. Miss Abrahamson, the first matron, had only four children to care for at that time, but today the Home is a large and busy institution.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last quarter	\$1,688.74
Received from Financial Secretary	6,075.41
Total	<u>\$7,764.15</u>
Disbursements	6,334.37
Balance in treasury	<u>\$1,429.78</u>

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MATRON'S REPORT

During the past quarter we have averaged about seventy-five children at the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home. There are about an equal number of boys and girls in the Home. The children recovered wonderfully from the epidemic of "flu" and are now well again. In fact, at the present writing, we have no illness of any kind at the Home.

The dentist's room has been used weekly by Dr. Hougan who kindly offered his services to us. This saves the home a great expense.

A number of donations have come in, all of which have been sincerely appreciated as they were very useful. With the "flu" came unusual expenses, and the Home needs money badly. Donations are appreciated by us, and the donor can feel assured that he is making a real contribution to a deserving charity. I wish to say that at least ninety per cent of the children cared for here, are cared for because they have no one to provide for them. It is true that some of the children

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have parents, but they have been cruelly neglected; hence their protection by us. Every day when I see the children assembled I think how good it is that we have this Home for them. It is wonderful work.

We have been visited by five Sunday school classes and church societies. They have all left something, either a donation or a treat for the little ones. Other larger crowds might be mentioned, such as the Dorcas Society of the Bethlehem Church, which came on Palm Sunday and left forty-two dollars with us. The Senior Bible Class of Hauge Church also made us a visit and donated five dollars. Sixty-five testaments were received and distributed among the children by Mr. Geo. Stokes. At Easter we received four cases of eggs. The Dorcas Circle of St. Timothy's Church visited the Home on Easter Sunday and made the children happy by their distribution of Easter baskets containing candy and cake.

Reverend Lars Harrisville visits the Home faithfully every week to give the children religious instruction.

The Ladies' Board has also held its meetings here every month with the idea of

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talking things over with the matron, and of inspecting the place. The Ladies' Board has also visited us on Sundays.

An improvement worthy of mention is the installation of single beds in the upper rooms of the cottages.

We are short of help at the Home. It is difficult to obtain help of the right kind. By this I mean people qualified to care for children. People who accept work here have substantial wages, and also can feel that they are really doing some good in the world.

This is only a partial report of the many activities here. I wish to assure the public also that anyone who gives us aid has my personal thanks and sincere appreciation.

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On the tag day held for the benefit of the Norwegian Children's home [formerly the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage], a total of \$2,205.56 was collected. Reverend Harrisville submitted \$26.75, and Reverend Hallberg turned in \$66.19.

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THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society held its regular quarterly meeting at the Bethlehem Church last night. Reverend Lars Harrisville opened the meeting, but was called away to visit a dying member of the congregation. Reverend Holman then officiated. Miss Reque, temporary matron at the Home, reported that she had received \$714 from the Juvenile Court to care for children placed in the Home by the Court.

The financial report was then given, as follows:

Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts

July	\$1,043.10
August	648.14

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September \$7,652.04

Total receipts to matron. \$9,343.28

Receipts Itemized

Donations \$ 223.57

Children's care 1,043.85

Miscellaneous 102.12

Membership dues 55.00

Donations to building fund. 7,917.74

Total all receipts. \$9,343.28

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Total disbursements \$8,694.71

Balance \$ 648.57

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FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Embla Club gave a concert last night for the benefit of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home. The program was as follows:

1. Welcome Speech; Hans E. Holman.
2. Song; Male Quartet.
3. Solo; Ella Bergh.
4. Recital; Ruth Dahly.
5. Solo; Edna Moe
6. Violin and Piano; Sigrid Hansen.
7. Speech; Reverend Ingvoldstad [now camp pastor at Ft. Sheridan].
8. Song; Male Quartet.
9. Solo; Jennie Andersen.
10. Solo; Ruth Dahly.

The Embla Club gives a benefit concert every year for the Children's Home.

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THE HOME FINDING SOCIETY

Last Wednesday evening the Evangelical Lutheran Home Finding Society held its annual meeting at St. Paul's Church, North Avenue and Leavitt Street. Reverend H. C. Fretheim, the president, gave the following report:

"To the members of the Home Finding Society:

"Our first concern should be to thank God for the privilege of being entrusted to care for His little ones, and for His blessings that have enabled us to do this work successfully for another year. Our Home has been spared from serious sickness during the past year; the general health at the Home so far this year has been exceptionally good. One of the regrets of the past year was the resignation of our faithful president, Reverend Gullixon, at the July meeting.

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"The present matron, Miss Julia Gilbertson, took up her duties last July 2, Miss Talla Erdahl having resigned because of prolonged illness. Miss Gilbertson has performed her duties with ability and faithfulness, and proved herself to be a very successful matron. Mrs. Amundsen has remained at the Home all year, first as cook, and in the last half of the year to succeed Miss Francis Siegel. As cook Miss Evenson was employed from June 1 until October 15, when the present cook, Mrs. Thrine Mackke, entered upon her duties.

"At the beginning of the present year there were thirty-one children at the Home, fifteen girls and sixteen boys. During the year twenty-seven children have been received and twenty-two have been released. Thirty-six children are now in our charge, of which thirty are in the Home and **six** are living in private homes. Of the thirty resident children, twenty boys live in the main building and six girls and the four smallest boys live in the cottage, making twenty-four boys and six girls in the Home,

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and one boy and five girls in private homes. Two children have been placed for adoption. The probation period for one is completed, release secured from the parents, and an opinion has just been received from the Juvenile Court that the adoption proceedings may now be completed in the county where the adoption is to be made. The other adoption is proceeding satisfactorily with prospects that in due time it may be made permanent. Thanks of the Society are due to at least eight different homes that have given children in our charge the love and care of their firesides for periods of from two to six months.

"We regret to announce that our faithful treasurer, Mr. Ellert Knudsen, is on the sick list. May God grant him a speedy recovery. Thanks are due to the many faithful members and friends for interest and support. A great number of donations were received for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our secretary has sent letters of thanks to the donors, and the president included the whole list in an article in Skandinaven soon after New Year's.

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"Among our regular undertakings for the Home during the year that met with singular success, we mention the lawn social, tag day, and pound party. The respective committees and workers are deserving of our hearty thanks. The sewing circle has met regularly throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month and accomplished much for the Home. The most important matter up for the meeting tonight is the proposed change of the constitution so as to open our membership to all members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America as well as members of congregations formerly in the Norwegian Lutheran Synod. Four members of the board must be elected as will appear from the report of the nominating committee.

"As pastor of the Home for eight years, I have enjoyed seeing the large and happy family from the Home in our church and Sunday school. Now a new church of the same denomination has been erected a block from the Home, so, after consulting the board in the matter, I have referred the children to the neighborhood church. I also present to the Society at this meeting my

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resignation as pastor of the Home. On applying for renewal of license, I found that we first have to clear with the Commissioner of Buildings. A number of exit signs, hand rails, changing of doors, etc., are minor matters and will be attended to at once. However, a more serious matter is the building of a steel stairway fire escape on the main building which will probably cost about \$200. The president had a conversation with the Building Commissioner on this subject last week and will receive his ultimatum in a day or so.

"A source of income and a powerful agency for working up interest for the Home, are the joint meetings of the Ladies Aid Societies of the various churches. Only two meetings were held last year, while four should have been held. The president and other friends made persistent efforts to call a meeting during the last quarter, but without success. We hope that four meetings may be called in 1918, and therefore urge that the invitation to be present at this meeting be accepted, and ask all friends to help make it a banner meeting.

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"Dr. Unseth and Attorney Harpel have rendered splendid service to the Home during the past year, and deserve our recognition and hearty thanks. A committee elected by the board recently sent out statements to members, and the results are very encouraging. Not long ago a friend called at the Home and offered a baby to be cared for. A little later someone called and offered a home to a baby. Our matron acted as a central, connected the two on the phone, and now there is one more happy home on the North Side. Recently a lady from the west coast, traveling through Chicago with two children, suddenly went insane. The Travelers' Aid took the case to the Norwegian Counsel, the Counsel to the Norwegian Deaconess Hospital, and the Hospital took the children to our Home. This is another instance of the blessing of having such a home in this great city of Chicago, and also makes clear that we mean what we promised Reverend Kildahl, that we are always willing to co-operate with the church in extending the home finding activity, even before any agreements are made. May God bless the Home Finding Society and make it a blessing in 1918.

"M. E. Fretheim, President."

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The above report was accepted and entered in the minutes. Because of the illness of the treasurer, an auditing committee had checked the books.

"Auditors' Report for 1917

"To the Evangelical Lutheran Home Finding Society:

"We, the undersigned, have examined the account books of your Society pertaining to the office of Mr. E. C. Knudson, treasurer, for the year 1917, and we find the same were correct and in order, showing cash on hand in bank at close of year, \$2,127.55, as per statement below:

"Receipts for 1917

Membership dues.	\$ 439.00
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Donations, specials, etc.	\$1,049.27
Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson	500.00
Direct for childrens' maintenance.	1,087.25
Tag day net proceeds.	<u>1,701.24</u>
	\$4,776.76
Balance from 1916.	<u>1,506.78</u>
Total Receipts.	\$6,283.54

"Disbursements

Household expenses, etc.	\$2,752.64
Wages to help in Home.	1,104.50
Improvements and specials.	<u>298.85</u>
Total disbursements.	\$4,155.99
Cash on hand in bank.	<u>2,127.55</u>
	\$6,283.54

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"Property Status

Home at 4836-40 Byron Street.	\$6,357.00
Furnishings.	750.00
Twenty Shares Mt. Olive Cemetery Ass'n.	1,300.00
Cash	<u>2,127.55</u>
	\$10,534.55
Liabilities (None)	
Surplus, December 31, 1917.	\$10,534.55
Gain during 1917.	610.77

"Comparative

Surplus, December 31, 1917.	\$10,534.55
Surplus, December 31, 1916.	\$9,923.78

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Surplus, December 31, 1915.\$9,168.04
Surplus, December 31, 1914.\$7,214.33
Surplus, December 31, 1911.\$3,944.07

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Annual Report

1. There were no deaths at the Home during the year. The general health has been excellent.
2. The farm payed well in 1917, making possible a large saving on the food necessary for the Home.
3. The Christian life of the children is a great improvement of the life they led before entering the Home.
4. The children have done well in their classes, especially singing. Thank God, they have not yet had contact with the filthy "ragtime" that we hear so much about today.

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9. The future of the Children's Home seems to be assured. The Norwegian people

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have always donated a great deal to the Home. We also have the Home Finding Society here in Chicago; why can the two societies not be combined? We need each other.

10. In closing we plead with the people who make their last will and testament. Remember the Children's Home. God bless you!

The financial secretary reported total receipts of \$28,222.90 and a membership of 713. Of this membership, 121 members are delinquent.

Treasurer's Report for 1917

Receipts	\$ 29,131.30
Disbursements.	23,323.18
Cash on hand.	<u>5,808.12</u>
	\$ 29,131.30

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Assets and Liabilities

Real Estate	\$10,750.00
Buildings	25,253.66
Agricultural implements	660.92
Live stock.	793.00
Notes Receivable.	7,000.00
Improvements.	2,557.08
Furniture and fixtures.. . . .	5,006.03
Trees and Shrubs.	185.50

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Cash on hand \$5,808.12

Surplus \$58,014.31

Report of Net Income and Expenses

Income \$28,401.99

Expenses 11,824.00

Depreciation 667.24

Loss on live stock 150.00

Net gain 15,760.75

\$28,401.99

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NEW KINDERGARTEN

The Deaconess Home has opened a new Kindergarten in a two-story building at Campbell Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. At the day nursery the little children may be brought in before the mothers go to work. The number of children who are left at the nursery every day testifies to the fact, that a large number of Norwegian mothers have to seek their living by working away from home.

Many of the children and their mothers need both food and clothing. To help provide these, people are invited to a donation party to be held at the day nursery on Friday, Nov. 30.

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A NEW ORPHANAGE DEDICATED.

On Saturday evening the new Home for Children at 4022 North Kildare Ave., the Lydia Orphanage was dedicated.

The home is located in a beautiful building, with large light rooms and is modern throughout. The enthusiastic participation by the public at the dedication, proved the great interest taken in the home. People came from all directions, bringing with them gifts for the home and its residents. It was indeed a gift shower that will not soon be forgotten. Six ministers representing as many churches were present bringing the good wishes from these churches. A number of children have been accepted by the home already, and applications from many more are being considered.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME AT EDISON PARK.

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society held a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9. The various regular reports were read and adopted. The chairman's report was of special interest because it contained considerable historical information relative to the home. Part of it follows:

About twenty years ago a few members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church started a home for children in Chicago. A Miss Abrahamson was selected to take care of the little ones. The common dwelling place for nurse and children was at Irving Park Boulevard and 58th Street.

The number of children increased, then the fire came. The place grew smaller, yet the demands from orphans became more insistent from day to day. A plat of land was bought near Edison Park. Mr. Bessemen, a friend of the little ones, left sufficient money to pay for the land. A building to house girls was donated, in memory of Clara Jevne. Money was solicited

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for a building to house boys, and for a main building. Soon it became evident, however, that a miscalculation had been made in regard to space; the buildings that had been provided proved inadequate. Year after year the average number of children has been about ninety. These children have received food, clothing, shelter, education; in short, a good up-bringing based on christian principles, a good home that is a real home. Many of the children know of no other home. When they visit the children's home they feel it as a homecoming; they enjoy being at the place.

During these many years there have been great changes. Difficult problems have arisen and have been solved; times of depression have had to be faced,, but under it all the work has progressed. The Norwegian people in Chicago have given and gladly. With their own eyes they have seen the blessings springing from their own sacrifices. Today the home stands there, free from debt. Twenty-three and one-half acres of land comprise the grounds, there are four large buildings, a silo, and some minor buildings. There are cows

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and a couple of horses. The crops are better this year than ever. A sewer system has been installed. Often in the past the prospects have been so dark that no way out seemed possible; at present we seem to be facing a brighter future.

The Children's Home has had two important sources of income for several years, the "tag day", and the bazaar. One hundred of our ladies spread over the city on October 15. They start early in the morning and keep on till night fall. In wind and rain they have stood patiently receiving small gifts and large ones. Very hard work, but the love of the children keeps them at it. Our bazaar will be held this year at Schoenhofen's Hall, the first week in November. Through these and other sources of income, sustenance is provided for one hundred and eight people.

The chairman's name is L. Harrisville.

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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Not including the various club members, only 168 members have paid their annual dues for this year. Of these, forty-seven are new members. - 181 members still owe dues for one year, ninety-nine members owe for two years, nineteen members owe for three years, eight members owe for four years and four members for five years, making a total of \$488.00 in dues outstanding at this time.

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PLEASANT VISIT

On Thursday afternoon the ladies aid societies from Ioreland Congregation and from the Tuesday Club called at our Childrens Home, bringing rich gifts both in form of food, and in cash.

It is characteristic of these aid societies that they do their good work and keep at it year after year.

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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The president of the orphanage reports steady progress.

Ten of the children have graduated to high school and thirteen have been confirmed. The work on the farm belonging to the home is bringing good results, and everything indicates a rich harvest. The debt on the home and the farm is paid. The whole property is now valued at \$45,000.

A shute given to the orphanage by the "The Friday Club" is being enjoyed greatly by the children, and our warmest thanks are due the club.

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HOME FINDING SOCIETY

p.7.....Home Finding Society held its annual meeting Wednesday evening in the St. Paul Church. Pastor I. E. Fretheim was in the choir, as Pastor Gullixon, the Society's President, was unable to be present; his annual report was read at the meeting.

The report showed that the society had had a successful year in every respect. Sixty-two children had been taken care of at the home. Good homes had been found for several children, and others had been reclaimed by their parents when conditions in their homes warranted this. At the beginning of this year (1917) there were twenty-eight children at the home at **4840** Byron Street.

The society has been most fortunate in securing Miss T. Erdahl as Matron, as she has proven to be a very capable manager.

Many new societies and organizations have during the year done considerable work for the children, and this has been valuable help to us and is highly appreciated.

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The **treasurer** Ellert Knudson read his report: Receipts were \$4,383.08, **disbursements** \$3,706.90. At the beginning of the year, (1916) there was a cash balance of \$840.60, total cash on hand January 1, 1917, was \$1,516.78. The auditors; H. Rommen and O. Alf. Johnson reported that the **treasurer's** books had been audited and found correct.

Mr. H. Rommen had worked out an interesting statistical tabel, which showed, that during 1916 the weekly expenses to run the home amounted to \$71.40; for each child \$2.40 per week. The society's home, which is clear of encumbrances, is appraised at \$9,923.78, which in itself is very encouraging to our many friends in and out of Chicago.

Four new directors were elected: Pastor L. A. Gullix**on** from St. Paul Church, Reier Egeland from Our Savior Church; Kaja Jensen from St. Johannes Church and Mrs. James Halseth from First Lutheran Church, Logan Square.

In appreciation of the many years of unselfish works in the interest of the home, Dr. Magnus Unseth was unanimously elected "Life member" of the Home Finding Society.

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The same honor was accorded H. Rornen, who established a practical book-keeping system at the home, and also during several years prepared a satisfactory report, so that the society was recognized by Chicago Association of Commerce. The meeting also expressed its appreciation to the President, Pastor **Gullixon**, its secretary Mr. Hovland and its treasurer L. Knudson, and to the Board of Directors for their true and faithful work throughout the year.

As auditors were elected H. Rornen and C. Buslee, the society starts the new year in a fair financial position.

It is the intention, if possible, to extend the work; a home of this kind is a great necessity to the many orphaned and neglected children, who need a guiding hand on the **path** to become useful upright men and women in the community.

The meeting closed with a feeling of satisfaction over a well spent year in interest of the young ones.

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May 1917, also become a blessed year for the children at the home, the personnel and the many members and friends of "Home Finding Society."

(Christ. Buslee.)

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The American Lutheran Children's Home Society held its quarterly meeting at the Lion Church last Thursday evening. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and accepted. The financial secretary reported an income of \$1,486.22 for the quarter. [Detailed list of receipts omitted in translation.]

Financial Report

Receipts:

Cash on hand.....	469.66
Received from secretary.....	<u>1,486.22</u>
Total receipts.....	\$1,955.88
Disbursements.....	<u>1,304.45</u>
Balance.....	51.93
Unpaid bills.....	<u>511.12</u>
Deficit.....	460.14

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Ladies' Pearl Society.

The Ladies' Pearl held five meetings during months of July, August, and September; a special meeting, composed of the representatives of various societies interested in the home, was held. During the summer months we held pound parties in Humboldt Park, one or more societies taking charge each month. These affairs have been a great help in accumulating clothing, provisions, and cash.

All applications for admission of children into the home have been taken care of to the best of our ability. During these last months all children needing surgical care have been taken care of at the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Hospital free of charge. In June '15 we held our annual picnic and it was a grand success. We thank all our friends for their hearty response.

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The weaving loom has been installed and a competent woman engaged to weave rugs. We expect to have a fine collection for our bazaar. All arrangements have been completed to hold our bazaar during the first week of November, and we hope our friends will show their loyalty to the cause by their willingness to help.

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THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Norwegian Lutheran Childrens Home Society held its regular biannual meeting yesterday at St. Paul's Church. It was reported that the Home had cared for 89 children during the last six months. The general health had been good; no serious illness had been reported.

The financial secretary reported the income from dues, donations, subsidiary groups, benefit programs, etc., to be \$2,951.71. The treasurer reported receipts of \$3,047.95, expenditures of \$2,578.29, leaving a balance of \$469.66; after deducting unpaid bills of \$213.21, the net balance was \$246.45. [Itemized lists of income and expense omitted in translation.]

Report of Ladies' Board

The Ladies' Board held three regular and two extra meetings during the

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quarter from April to June.

During this time all applications received were taken care of to the best of our ability. The three pound parties, held April 5, May 4, and June 7, by different societies, have been a great help to us, and we thank all who helped make it successful. The annual May festival was held on May 30 in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

Eight children were confirmed on May 23 by Reverend Lars Harrisville. Through Mr. E. Hurst of the Board of Education, we have obtained a weaving loom, and we hope soon to obtain the services of a competent woman to teach the children to weave. We arranged for our annual picnic to be held on June 26 at the Home. We received liberal donations from all the societies working for the Home. We are indeed thankful to each and everyone for their help at the picnic and it was the best one we have ever had.

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The children at the home look well and happy. I have a newatron, Miss
Linda Larson, who has been such a help to the ladies' board. She has
made confirmation dresses for five girls and has performed numerous other
tasks. We are grateful to God for all his mercies toward us, and we know
He loves the little ones who are entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,
M. C. Karlson,
Secretary of Ladies'
Board.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society met last Tuesday at the Bethlehem Church. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided.

Financial Secretary's Report

Dues	\$ 190.00
Donations	284.18
Friday Club	58.27
Ladies' Society	84.75
Picnic, 1914	34.00
Svarstad's will	100.00
Bazaar, 1914	61.00
Matron	210.81
Total receipts	<u>\$1,023.01</u>

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Treasurer's Report

Receipts	\$1,503.93
Expenditures	<u>1,408.69</u>
Balance, March 31.	95.24
Unpaid bills	<u>299.88</u>
Deficit	204.88
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THE HOME FINDING SOCIETY

The Evangelical Lutheran Home Finding Society of Illinois held its annual convention at St. Paul's Church, North Avenue and Leavitt Street, last week. Reverend G. A. Gullikson presided. It was reported that the Society had bought the building next to the home at 4840 Byron Street. About forty children were cared for during the year. The Society has shown improvement again this year. The following statement will give the complete figures:

The Evangelical Lutheran Home Finding Society of Illinois.

"To the annual meeting:

"We, the undersigned, have examined the records and books of account of your Society for the term of January 14, 1914 to December 1914, and find the same correct and in order. The cash totals are as follows:

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Donations, dues, and sundries.....	3,139.42
Loans on promissory notes.....	2,700.00
Day Day receipts.....	1,345.47
Balance from 1914.....	44.06
Total receipts.....	7,229.01

"Disbursements"

Sundries, expenses, supplies, etc.....	2,564.68
Purchase of cottage.....	2,500.00
Bills payable, old loan on home.....	500.00
Bills payable, loan of interest, 1914.....	1,800.00
Total disbursements.....	7,364.68

Cash on hand, December 31, 1914.....\$ 64.33

"Supplementary

Assets

Grounds and building, 4832-C Byron Street.....	6,200.00
Furnishings and fixtures of home.....	550.00

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Mt. Olive Cemetery Association stock (20 shares).....	\$1,300.00
Cash on hand.....	64.53
Total assets.....	<u>\$8,114.53</u>

"Liabilities and net worth"

Promissory notes.....	300.00
Surplus, December 31, 1914.....	<u>7,814.53</u>
Total liabilities and net worth.....	<u><u>\$8,114.53</u></u>

"Comparative"

Surplus, December 31, 1914.....	\$7,814.53
Surplus, December 31, 1911.....	<u>3,944.07</u>
Gain in three years.....	<u>\$3,870.26</u>

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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S HOME

[Following is the annual report of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home for 1914:]

The Society held four regular meetings; the board of directors held twelve regular and three special meetings. The membership increased by twenty-six. During the year thirty-five children were admitted and twenty-five released. Two of the girls were sent to the home for feeble-minded. On January 1, 1915, the Home had ninety-one children between the ages of three and fourteen years. Twenty of these children were sent here by the Juvenile Court. At present we have six children who are paid for in full, and twelve who are paid for in part.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, January 21, 1914.....	53.25
Received from secretary.....	<u>12,715.63</u>
Total	\$12,768.88

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Expenditures.....\$12,768.83

Assets

Real estate.....\$ 8,500.00

Buildings.....29,000.93

Agricultural implements.....588.34

Live stock.....500.00

Cash on hand.....480.92

Total assets.....\$42,778.91

Liabilities and Net Worth

Notes payable.....\$ 2,500.00

Net worth.....40,278.91

Total liabilities and net worth.....\$42,778.91

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Financial Secretary's Report
Income

Dues payment.....	\$ 460.00
Life member.....	10.00
Church contribution boxes.....	24.75
Annual festival.....	154.83
Outstanding.....	55.35
Picnic at the Home.....	149.11
Bazaar.....	1,869.33
Tag day.....	2,700.00
Women's Society at the Home.....	182.93
Alpha Club.....	210.65
Busy Bee Club.....	30.94
Club West.....	5.00
Orphans' Friend Circle.....	50.00
Lutheran Choral Union.....	160.00
Young Ladies' Society.....	25.00
Other donations.....	1,139.10

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Left in wills.....	\$ 1,422.96
Loan from State Bank of Chicago.....	1,000.00
Picnic tickets (collected for 1912, 1913, 1914).....	159.85
Bazaar tickets (as above).....	210.65
Interest on legates.....	54.78
From the manager of the Home.....	<u>2,640.40</u>
Total income to treasurer.....	\$12,715.63

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THE HOME FINDING SOCIETY

The Erie Branch of The Home Finding Society held its annual meeting last night. The Erie Branch now has 120 members. It was reported that the income for the year was \$309.25; of this, \$215.25 was donations and \$84.00 dues. The Society has loaned \$1,100 to the Supreme Lodge.

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Norwegian Children's Home Society held its regular quarterly meeting at the Bethel Church last Tuesday evening. The financial secretary reported an income of \$2,092.91. The treasurer reported as follows: receipts, \$2,131.83; expenditures, \$2,004.89; balance, \$126.94.

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

It was more than thirty years ago that the Norwegian men and women of Chicago saw the necessity of starting an orphanage here. The old pioneer Ellins Ellinssen was very interested and talked about this issue whenever he had the opportunity. But it was not until some time in the early 90's that work was really started. Mrs. Sophie Michaelson began by organizing a number of girls' societies, and having the girls raise money for such a home by selling five-cent books. The first meeting called by Mrs. Michaelson was on January 14, 1892, but September 21, 1893 was really the day that the Society was organized. On that day a meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Christine Johnson, 56 Bingham Street, where the Society received its name and the constitution and bylaws were formulated. The first executives were Reverend Hetland, Mr. and Mrs. Michaelson, Mrs. August Johnson, Messrs. Rude, Holm, and Liabó.

In the fall of 1897 the Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. In November, 1898, the Society bought the property on Irving Park

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Boulevard and 58th Avenue, the old Martin Luther College--a three-story building and six lots, for the price of \$4,000, with \$1,000 in cash. In February, 1899 Mrs. Abrahmson was appointed matron at the Home. On May 5 of the same year the newly purchased building was occupied and the work really began. The building was officially dedicated on June 18 by Reverend J. N. Kildahl. There were ten children in the Home at that time. In later years there have been as many as seventy-six children in the Home at one time.

In 1912 the building was remodeled at a cost of approximately \$3,500. Sister Caroline Williams was appointed matron on October 3, 1907.

In the last week of December, 1907, the home was almost destroyed by fire, and while repairs were being made the children were cared for at the home for the poor in Dunning. In 1908 additional property in Edison Park was purchased. It was decided to build there, the new building to cost \$40,000. It was decided to house the children in cottages instead of one large dormitory. This proved to be the wisest plan because it was quite easy to add a cottage when

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it became necessary. At present there are eighty-five children at the Home.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society it was reported that Mrs. A. Johnson had willed \$900 to the Home. This money was used to pay current expenses for the month of May.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts	\$2,811.11
Expenditures	<u>2,797.64</u>
Balance	\$ 13.47

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Last Sunday, the Norwegian Children's Home celebrated its sixteenth anniversary at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. An excellent musical program was given.

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NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society gave a "Pound Party" at the Humboldt Park Refectory. The guests paid admission by weight, one cent per pound. The entertainment was entirely musical. The sisters' and nurses' chorus entertained. The matron of the Deaconess Home, Sister Caroline Williams, was hostess.

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home Society held its regular annual meeting at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided.

At the end of 1913, 81 children were inmates at the Home; 28 of these were admitted during 1913. During the past year 39 children found permanent homes and were "checked out" of the orphanage.

The Home employs 6 attendants, 2 teachers, a hired boy, and a matron. The income for the Home was \$16,377.79, including cash on hand as of January 1, 1913 amounting to \$910.53. The expenses were \$16,324.54, leaving a cash balance of \$53.25.

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THE NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The quarterly meeting of the Children's Home Society [formerly the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society] was held last night at the Trinity Church. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided.

Financial Secretary's Report

Dues for 1913.....	\$ 239.00
Life membership.....	10.00
Donations.....	459.37
Bazaar, 1912.....	3.75
Picnic, 1913.....	69.20
Balance collected on mortgage.....	17.82
Interest on mortgage.....	25.00
Picnics.....	167.39
Loan collected.....	2,500.00
Real-estate income.....	100.00
Income at the Home.....	549.78
Total receipts.....	<u>\$4,141.31</u>

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 8, 1913.

Treasurer's Report

Received from secretary.....	\$4,159.07
Cash on hand, July 1, 1913.....	306.58
Total.....	<u>\$4,465.65</u>
Expenditures.....	<u>4,312.99</u>
Balance.....	\$ 152.66

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 4, 1913.

NORWEGIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The following financial report was submitted by the treasurer of the Norwegian Children's Home Society [formerly the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society]:

Received from secretary	\$2,928.28
Expenditures	<u>2,621.70</u>
Surplus for quarter	\$ 306.58
Cash on hand, April 1, 1913	206.18
Cash on hand, July 1, 1913	<u><u>\$ 512.76</u></u>

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/BENEFIT CONCERT/

Children's Home, Old Peoples's Home: These two phrases have proved themselves to be Chicago's most powerful "open house" for many years. This was effectively demonstrated at the concert given by Club West on May 11th, at Bjorgvin Hall; the proceeds went to the Children's Home in Edison Park, Illinois.

The program included such popular entertainers as Nora and Ethel Olsen; Mrs. (Dr.) Young; Mrs. Anna Meyer; Gundie Isaacsen, the popular violinist; Hortlen Thinn and the Scandinavian Socialist Singing Society popularly known as the 4 S's. With these entertainers performing, there was no lack of variety or quality of entertainment.

The hall was filled to the door, and many had been turned away due to lack of room. Club West does nothing by halves, and the public appreciates both Club West and the Children's Home.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 3, 1913.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY

The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society held its regular quarterly meeting last Tuesday in the St. Timothy Church, corner of 43rd and Dickens Avenues. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided. The chairman reported on the activities of the Orphanage.....

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The chairman proposed the construction of a new and modern building at a cost of \$2,000, and the purchase of the adjoining three acres of land for \$1,500.
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It will be fifteen years on May 11 that the first Orphanage was officially opened.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, January 2 \$ 910.53

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Received from secretary	<u>\$2,294.96</u>
	\$3,205.49
Expenditures	<u>2,999.31</u>
Balance	\$ 206.18

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 19, 1913.

HOME FINDING SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Home Finding Society the following reports were submitted:

Fifteen children were inmates of the Home in 1912.

Dues paid for 1912 \$ 577.00.

Donations for 1912 2,211.89.

Cash on hand \$98.43

Outstanding obligations \$ 900.00.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 17, 1913.

THE ORPHAN HOME

The Norwegian Orphanage Society held its annual meeting at the Bethel Lutheran Church last Wednesday.

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The Society decided that the Home should hire a broommaker to teach the boys how to make brooms.

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Report of Financial Secretary

Income for 1912.....\$13,936.43

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1912.....	\$ 414.57
Received from secretary.....	13,936.43
Total receipts.....	<u>\$14,351.00</u>

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 17, 1913.

Expenditures for 1912.....	\$13,440.47
Balance.....	\$ 910.53

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 19, 1912.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Norwegian Children's Home Society held its annual meeting at the Paulus Lutheran Church, Hirsch and Washtenaw Avenues, last Wednesday evening.

The financial secretary's report was as follows:

Income to December 31, 1911.....	10,483.42
Paid to treasurer.....	10,483.42

Treasurer's Report
Income

Cash on hand, January 1, 1911.....	1,856.39
Received from financial secretary.....	10,483.42
Note from bank.....	1,500.00
Total.....	<u>13,839.81</u>
Expenses for 1911.....	13,425.24

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 19, 1912.

Cash on hand, January, 1912..... 414.57

Building Committee's Report:

Balance on January 11, 1911..... 845.87

Balance on January 25, 1912..... 107.56

Net assets to date..... 33,885

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 18, 1912.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Orphanage Society was held at the Zion church, Artesian and Potomac Avenues, last Tuesday evening. Reverend Lars Harrisville presided.

Treasurer's report

Cash on hand, April 1.....	\$ 84.33
Received from the financial secretary.....	2,301.70
Total	<u>\$2,386.03</u>
Expenses.....	<u>2,181.14</u>
Balance, July 1.....	\$ 204.89

Report of the Financial Secretary

Dues received.....	\$ 65.00
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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 18, 1912.

Donations	435.80
Bazaar tickets, 1910.....	10.30
Bazaar tickets, 1911.....	99.45
Savings banks.....	10.63
Interest on legacies.....	50.47
Received from Bethel Church.....	52.30
Picnic.....	171.13
First payment on mortgage, 4714 Ohio Street.....	250.00
Received from the matron.....	909.15
Total	<u>\$2,054.23</u>

The matron reported that the health of the children was good and that school attendance was excellent.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 16, 1912.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society held its quarterly meeting last Monday afternoon. The president reported that the Society was trying to find work for the older boys and girls. It was proposed that the land adjoining the Orphanage be bought as soon as possible while prices were still low.

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Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, January 1, 1912	\$382.85
Received from the financial secretary	<u>1,843.92</u>
	\$2,226.77
Expenses for the quarter	<u>2,142.44</u>
Cash on hand, April 1, 1912	\$84.33

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 16, 1912.

The financial secretary reported an income of \$2,101.47 for the quarter. Donations for March totaled \$326.

The matron reported ninety children in the Orphanage at the last quarterly meeting, forty girls and fifty boys. One more child was admitted last month. The matron collected \$145.40 from parents of the children.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 5, 1911.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Orphanage Society was held last Tuesday evening in Bethel Church, Humboldt Boulevard and Dickens Avenue. The president, Reverend Lars Harrisville, reported that none of the children had been ill during the past three months.

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Another teacher has been added to the staff.....

Financial Secretary's Report

Dues.	\$ 60.00
Donations	378.46
Income reported by matron	618.41
Bazaar tickets.	11.00

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Oct. 5, 1911.

Picnic.	\$146.25
Donation by Reverend Harrisville.	75.00
Total	<u>\$1,289.12</u>

Paid to Treasurer

July.	\$594.01
August.	408.11
September.	287.12
Total.	<u>\$1,289.12</u>

Treasurer's Report

Receipts.	\$2,789.12
Disbursements	<u>2,771.06</u>
Balance in treasury, October 1.	18.06
Outstanding bills	<u>834.27</u>
Deficit	\$ 866.21

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), July 14, 1911.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The second quarterly meeting of the Norwegian Orphanage Society was held in the Trinity Church last Tuesday. Reverend Lars Harrisville, the chairman, called the meeting to order. It was resolved to send the former chairman, Reverend Ellestad, a vote of thanks for excellent work in the past.

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It was reported that the Society has a deficit of over \$400.

Reverend N. J. Ellestad submitted the following report:

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"I received the last certificate from Architect Sorensen on July 3, 1911. It is a certificate for \$200 made out to the Humboldt Heating Plant. We owe Mr. A. Harvey \$180 for plumbing. There is also an unpaid bill for building

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repairs amounting to \$380.....I was informed by Mr. Saetrang that there is a balance of \$117.81 in the treasury.....The architect, Mr. Sorensen, sent me the following notice:

" 'All the work had been completed prior to the issuing of the various certificates, but I shall make a call at the Orphanage in the near future to ascertain whether everything pertaining to the buildings is in proper shape; and if I find anything wrong, I shall have same adjusted at once.'

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"Much of the labor has been donated and we have saved large sums of money in many cases.

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"It is hoped that Reverend Andresen will, at an early date, start the financial drive, so that we can secure funds for our work. Mr. Thorbjorn Hansen

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has proved very reliable and efficient in his capacity of temporary superintendent."

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Mr. B. N. Sane, the financial secretary, gave the following report:

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Income [separate items omitted in translation] \$1,953.23

The treasurer reported the following:

Income [separate items omitted in translation] \$1,953.23

Cash on hand, April 1, 1911 470.93
\$2,424.16

Expenses [separate items omitted in translation] \$2,310.84

Cash on hand, June 1, 1911 \$ 113.32

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Bills outstanding and unpaid \$ 589.03

Deficit, July 1, 1911 \$ 475.71

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p.7.....Scandia's inquiry as to the progress of the proposed gardens for children of the Edison Park Orphanage has brought out information and detail that is surprising. We will neither attempt to give a complete detailed description of this project nor a full report of what has been accomplished to date, but one or two phases will give one an idea of the magnitude of the job Miss Sevros has single handedly undertaken

To start at the beginning, every inch of the ground, intended for the children garden plots, had to be measured, plowed or spaded, raked and marked for beds. The proper seeds must be understandingly chosen and planted. Thorough experience, constant vigilance and unlimited patience are required to see that all children follow instruction to the most minute detail. Miss Sevros not only explains how each step is to be taken, but why something must be done just so and just when.

An idea of the actual work, patience and knowledge required can be organized by following the preparation of two-thousand strawberry plants for planting. A third

of the roots had to be cut way so fresh roots could develop that would supply the plants with moisture and every bud and flower must be nipped off to insure sturdiness and bearing. A hundred grape vines had to be pruned and five-hundred tomato plants had to be temporarily set in flower pots, later to be transplanted to the garden bed. Every item to be raised by the embryo gardeners required patient and accurate preparatory handling.

To instill the idea of how, why when and where in the unsimilar minds of so large a group of children requires thorough knowledge, training, tact; patience and even a generous portion of psychology. Miss Servos possesses a generous amount of all these qualifications and visitors are loud in their praises of her personality and its effect on the children with whom she works.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 6, 1911.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The Norwegian Orphanage Society held its quarterly meeting in the Hauges Church, Wabansia and Central Park Avenues, last Tuesday evening. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, a report was read by the vice-president, Reverend Lars Harrisville. Eight new members were accepted by the Society. The report of the vice-president was as follows:

"Friends, because our president, Reverend N. J. Ellestad, is in California recuperating from his recent illness, I will give the report. My report will merely consist of a few of the highlights of activity during the past three months.

"First, I want to report on the running expenses. We spend at least thirty dollars per day at the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage in Edison Park. Today, this expenditure well takes care of the eight-five children who are now

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inmates at the home. The income received from donations and numerous other sources will just barely cover the running expenses. But, as the late banker Haugan used to say: 'A reserve fund is necessary, and should be established.' If a premature death had not taken him, I am sure his dream would have come true."

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After the acceptance of this report, the treasurer submitted the following report:

Income

Receipts from secretary:

January.	\$677.79
February.	461.29
March.	226.57
	<u>\$1,365.65</u>

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 6, 1911.

Cash on hand, January 1	\$1,856.39
Income for quarter.	<u>1,365.65</u>
	\$3,222.04
Total disbursements.	<u>\$2,751.11</u>
Cash on hand, April 1	\$ 470.93
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Financial Secretary's Report

Dues.	76.00
Donations in Chicago.	202.07
Donations from the country.	254.48
Paid by parents for children.	591.75
"Dime Helpers".	3.00
Miscellaneous income.	33.25
Bazaar tickets, 1909.	4.75
Bazaar tickets, 1910.	<u>111.55</u>
	\$1,336.85

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Apr. 6, 1911.

Deficit for March.	\$ 28.80
Total.	\$1,365.65

Paid to Treasurer as follows:

January.	\$677.97
February	461.29
March	226.57
Total.	\$1,365.65

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Scandia, March 11, 1911.II D 4 '

[ORPHANS TO GET GARDEN PATCHES]

p.4.....An appeal is being made on behalf of the Norwegian Children's Home in Edison Park, Ill., for funds to give each child a fruit or garden patch. Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars is the estimated amount necessary and should be easy to raise.

All who have visited the home will recall that it is quite isolated, the nearest neighbor being a half mile away. The Home gives one the impression of the privacy of a good sized farm. The impression ends with the privacy as the many acres, on which the home is built, are lying fallow due to lack of funds for farming operations. Allowing each of the older children a portion of this rich land for garden patches will not only please the children and provide a healthy outlet for youthful energy but would mean additional supplies for the home larder.

Larger sums have been easily raised for many purposes so we are confident

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that the modest amount requested will be raised in a few days. Spring is here and we will shortly see an enthusiastic group of children happily planning and planting their gardens under efficient supervision. These youngsters will have a priceless combination of health building contributions; sun, fresh air, and useful exercise, all in one.

One of our neighbors, Miss Servos, has been deeply interested in the children since the first one came to the home and has contacted the children every day since. This young lady is determined to put the garden project over and will not give up until every child has his or her favorite garden plot with growing vegetables, berries, grapes, apples, flowers, etc. Each child is to decide what is to be raised on his or her plot.

Miss Servos is a practical and experienced farmette and will donate her services in buying supplies and supervising the garden project from beginning to end. One has but to see the children cluster around their friend and listen for a few minutes to their conversation to be impressed with her love for these children, with their faith in her and with the enthusiasm with which they plan their gardens.

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Subscription lists have been placed with Scandia and with Mrs. Selma Lunde, Edison Park. Mrs. Lunde will serve as treasurer of the project and will at all times be able and willing to show subscribers and friends just how the work, and its financing, is prospering.

In addition to the gardening phase of the project the great interest shown by certain children in the poultry on her place, Miss Servos will start some of the older children raising poultry, instructing them in the intricacies of the incubator, brooder, feeding and sorting.

In view of what one person, Miss Servos, is doing for the children it would be a disgrace for our people to fail in raising the mere pittance required for this work. As an investment in character and citizenship our donations will bring greater returns than we will ever fully know. "Bread cast upon the waters, etc."

Norsemen - our hearts are eight - let us demonstrate it by raising even more than the "mite" requested.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 20, 1911.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society held its annual meeting in the Zion Church, on January 18. The president of the Society, Reverend N. J. Ellestad, presided. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read, the meeting proceeded to take up the business outlined in the agenda, the first point being the following report by the president:

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"Last year we collected approximately \$10,000. This money was to be used to build a new orphanage building. We find that the new building will cost about \$23,000.

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"Mrs. Jevne's bequest of \$5,000 to the Orphanage helped a lot. The treasurer of the building committee, Mr. Oscar H. Haugan, reports that the building fund

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now has a total of \$25,268.76, which means that we have a surplus of \$895.87.

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"Sanitary and health conditions at the Orphanage have been excellent. We have not yet appointed a manager, but will have to do so soon as possible. Sister Caroline Williams has carried the entire burden and responsibility; she has done a man's job at the institution. We have been fortunate in finding such a fine gardener as Mr. E. Hansen. When spring comes we expect to see a beautiful garden and park at the Orphanage.

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"It is also important that we hire an additional teacher in English, Norwegian, and religion."

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 20, 1911.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1910.....	\$ 2,185.45
Received from secretary for the year.....	<u>14,293.99</u>
	16,479.44
 Total disbursements.....	 14,623.05
Cash on hand, January 1, 1911.....	1,856.39
 Unpaid notes.....	 4,300.00

The report of the financial secretary showed the total income for the year to be \$14,290.00. [Note: A long, itemized list of the various sources of income is omitted in translation.]

Paid to Treasurer during the Year

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 20, 1911.

January.....	\$ 777.88
February.....	332.39
March.....	314.45
April.....	300.79
May.....	394.55
June.....	214.65
July.....	2,466.28
August.....	1,997.40
September.....	853.55
October.....	3,531.78
November.....	2,540.79
December.....	1,292.99

Secretary's Report

During 1910, 112 new members joined the Society. Two life members were accepted. The Society held four meetings in 1910. The board of directors held twelve regular and eight special meetings.

· Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 20, 1911.

Matron's Report

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At the time of the last annual meeting there were thirty girls and forty boys in the Orphanage. During 1910, eleven boys and eleven girls were registered, and three boys and seven girls left the Orphanage. On January 1, 1911, there were eighty-five [sic] children in the Orphanage, forty-eight boys and thirty-seven girls.

Thirteen of the children have lost both parents; twenty-four are motherless; twenty-three are fatherless, eleven are motherless and have been deserted by their fathers; three are fatherless and have been deserted by their mothers. Seven of the children were sent to the Orphanage by the Juvenile Court.

The ladies' board collected a total of 377.75 during the year. Seventeen new members joined the ladies' auxiliary.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Sept. 19, 1910.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

Yesterday the Norwegian Orphanage was dedicated. Thousands of people were present at the ceremony. The will of the late Mrs. C. Jevne was read; she has bequeathed five thousand dollars to the Orphanage.

The collection taken up at the ceremony netted \$352 in cash and \$177 in subscriptions. A bill of \$4 was presented and paid. The collection, together with cash on hand of \$560.59, brings the Orphanage Society's cash fund up to \$1,093.59.

Among the speakers were Dr. N. T. Quaales, Reverend N. J. Ellestao, A. D. Erile, and Reverend C. K. Solberg.

Skandinaven, (Daily Edition), Apr. 13, 1910.

THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE

Today there are seventy children living permanently at the Norwegian Orphanage. It was brought out at the last meeting of the Orphanage Society that even though an offer of five thousand dollars had been made for the old building, seven thousand dollars more would be needed to complete the new building.

The following organizations have promised their assistance: Club West has undertaken to furnish a reception hall; Busy Bee, to furnish several girls' rooms; Friday Club, to furnish the dining room; True Friendship Circle, to furnish one sick ward; Bornevennen (Children's Friend), to furnish one sick ward; Embla, to furnish one girls' room; Alpha, to furnish one schoolroom; Trefoldigheds Women's Society, to furnish one teachers' room. Several more contributions have been received and will be reported next week.

The report of the financial secretary for the period of January 1 to March 31, follows:





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INCOME

Dues	\$ 49.00
Contributions from Chicago	252.97
Contributions from country districts	215.61
Income for childrens' keep	564.00
"Dime Helpers"	120.50
Miscellaneous income	9.79
Bazaar tickets	75.85
Picnic tickets 1909	4.15
Interest on bank accounts	3.00
Boxes (?)	1.10
Rebate from Union Carbide Company	18.75
Income for hay sold	110.00
	<u>\$1,424.72</u>

Paid to Treasurer

January 31\$ 777. 88

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February 29	\$ 332.39
March 31	314.45
	<u>\$1,424.72</u>

Treasurer's Report
Income

Balance on hand, January 1, 1910	\$2,186.45
Received from Financial Secretary	<u>1,424.72</u>
	<u>\$3,611.17</u>

Expenses

Wages	\$ 507.00
Groceries	\$ 430.33
Meat	116.25
Milk	70.01
Wood	223.40
Books	21.77



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Skandinaven, (Daily Edition), Apr. 13, 1910.

Repairs	\$ 28.45
Sundries	232.56
Dry goods	51.54
Ice cream	41.48
Bank charge15
Hall rent	10.00
	<u>\$1,732.94</u>
Balance on hand, April 1, 1910	<u>\$1,878.23</u>
	\$3,611.17



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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 22, 1910.

HOME-FINDING SOCIETY

There are in Chicago many institutions and charity groups that do much good work in their different fields. One of these is an outstanding society that works nationally and is well known to Scandinavians throughout America. It is the Evangelical Lutheran Home-Finding Society, which is managed by the membership of the Norwegian Synod in Chicago.

The Synod has several Children's Homes. But the Home-Finding Society is different from the others. The Society not only rears children according to Christian standards, but usually places them in Christian homes as soon as possible.

The Society has, in its short existence, placed seventy children in private homes.

In the home on Byron Street, there are, today, seventeen children.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 22, 1910.

The yearly meeting of the Society was held in the St. Johannes Church last Wednesday evening.

Reverend Birkeland opened the meeting and read a number of letters from children who had been placed in private homes by the Society.

Miss Caroline Halvorsen made the financial report, as follows:

The home had received about \$1,900, from different sources. All expenses had been covered. \$100 had been paid on a debt of \$2,550. The cash on hand was \$87.95.

Reverend J. R. Birkeland was re-elected chairman.

A resolution was passed "That a life membership certificate be issued to members in good standing, on the payment of \$10."

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1910.

THE ORPHAN HOME

The report of the yearly meeting of Orphan Home is more complete this year than ever.

The society has had, in 1909, twelve regular meetings and two special meetings.

Sixty-three new members for 1909 make a total of 441 members in good standing.

We have many members who have fallen behind in their dues, because we have neglected to visit them and keep up their interest in the society.

The financial secretary's report is as follows:

Jan. 1, 1909.

Dues.....	\$ 195.00
Donations, in Chicago.....	1,124.72
Donations, from the country.....	499.38
Income, from parents, paid for children.....	2,056.25

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1910.

Dime collections.....	\$ 130.50
Diversified income.....	18.85
Bazar tickets for 1907.....	6.00
Bazar goods for 1908.....	223.75
Picnic tickets for 1908.....	6.00
Picnic tickets for 1909.....	181.80
Income from restaurant at picnic.....	68.54
Postal cards.....	1.40
From the affair in Zion's Church.....	28.50
Contribution in Zion's Church.....	64.92
Lawn party.....	58.19
Donation at the dedication of grounds.....	49.74
17th of May festival.....	27.50
The will of Helge A. Haugen.....	1,000.00
Total income of the bazar, 1909.....	2,200.40
Bazar tickets for 1909.....	163.90
Women's society affairs in Salem Church.....	40.31
Women's society "Dime banks".....	57.70

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1910.

Tag Day.....	\$ 11.47
Cash on hand, Oct. 1908.....	9.39
Total receipts, Dec. 31, 1908.....	<u>\$8,272.62</u>

Jan. 1, 1909.

Paid to treasurer, as follows:

January.....	\$ 367.39
February.....	257.66
March.....	440.18
April.....	294.40
May.....	414.33
June.....	329.35
July.....	470.09
August.....	1,418.69
September.....	613.30
October.....	478.30
November.....	2,540.98

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1910.

December.....	\$ 647.95
Total paid to treasurer, Dec. 31, 1909.....	<u>\$8,272.62</u>

Treasurer's report:

Received:

Jan. 1, 1909: cash on hand.....	\$1,072.61
Received from financial secretary.....	<u>8,272.62</u>
Total.....	<u>\$9,345.26</u>

Paid out:

Groceries.....	\$2,012.69
Meat.....;	474.03
Milk.....	430.16
Carbide.....	131.25
Wood.....	589.80
Paper and printing.....	119.56

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1910.

Wages.....	\$2,391.47
Traveling expenses.....	4.50
Taxes in Edison Park.....	34.95
Repairs.....	54.95
Incidentals.....	698.31
Clothing.....	26.50
Shortage on Home.....	29.94
Telephone.....	15.65
Bank charge.....	.15
Park and hall rent.....	145.00
Total.....	<u>\$7,158.81</u>

Jan. 1, 1910: Cash on hand.....\$2,186.45

Report of the Building Committee

The contracts for work on different parts of the building have been given to various contractors, as follows:

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Carpenter contractor, B. Anderson, for \$8,140. Paid in cash, \$4,000.00.

Mason, S. R. Nielsen, for \$4,175. Paid in cash, \$3,340.

Heating plant, Humboldt Heating Company, \$2,600. Paid in cash, \$1,400.

Iron work, H. Ross and Company, \$397. Paid in cash \$366.

Plastering, Ole Olsen, \$1,850. Paid in cash, nothing.

Plumbing, H. Harvey, \$2,350. No cash paid.

Painting, H. Tofteson, \$720. No cash paid.

Cut-stone, P. Kemp, \$210.

Galvanized Iron, C. Jensen, \$595. No cash paid.

Electrical, Sam Benson, \$285. No cash paid.

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Glass, H. Eberhard, \$265. No cash paid.

Cement Work, C. Nelson, \$20. Total, \$22,357.

A well has been bored, costing \$405.65. Cash paid, \$350.

The total cost of the building will be, \$22,762.65, plus electric fixtures, stable, pump and insurance.

We have paid in cash a total of \$9,456, leaving an unpaid balance of \$13,306.65.

Adolph Larsen,
Chairman of Building Committee.

The Matron's Report

At the beginning of last year, we had twenty-five girls and forty-two boys, a total of sixty seven.

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New inmates, fifteen girls, and eleven boys. Total, twenty-six.

Released, ten girls, thirteen boys. Total, twenty-three.

Today there are forty boys, and thirty girls; total seventy.

Of the seventy children in the Home today, twenty-seven are fatherless, twenty-four motherless. Ten are orphans. Nine have been left by their parents.

The Armitage Clothing Company donated twenty suits and six overcoats for Christmas.

Yours in the Lord,
Caroline Williams,
Matron.

Oscar Haugans Report

Statement of The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Children's Home Society. Building

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Nov. 19.	Kellog Art Company,.....	\$ 8.00
Nov. 26.	Henry Roos Foundry Company,.....	366.00
Dec. 1.	Gus Martin,.....	2.25
Dec. 6.	Charles Hermann,.....	350.00
" "	S. N. Nelson,.....	3,340.00
Dec. 10.	H. D. Jenkins,.....	25.00
Dec. 23.	N. J. Ellestad,.....	60.00
Dec. 28.	Kellog-Mackey Company,.....	1,400.00
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Jan. 10.	B. Anderson, carpenter,.....	1,000.00
" "	Boder-Petersen, lumber,.....	1,000.00
Jan. 13.	Charles Herman,.....	55.65
Jan. 18.	Rev. N. J. Ellestad. Error Dec. 20, 1909.	
" "	should have been.....	\$243.00
		<u>238.00</u>
		5.00
" "	To Moor, Case, Lyman, and Herrick, insurance,..	120.00

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Jan. 18. By Balance,.....\$1,548.01
\$11,484.63

By Donations

1908.

May 28.	Donations as per statement by <u>Skandinaven</u>	\$2,204.24
July 13.	" " " " " "	1,536.50
Oct. 6.	" " " " " "	1,377.63
Nov. 13.	" " " " " "	550.49
Dec. 18.	" " " " " "	462.67

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Mar. 12.	" " " " " "	\$1,172.48
Apr. 23.	" " " " " "	380.60
Aug. 25.	" " " " " "	1,008.48
Oct. 19.	" " " " " "	1,752.18

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Dec. 23. Donations as per statement by Skandinaven \$1,041.94
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Jan. 18. By Balance, as above,.....\$1,548.01

" ". By Donations, Dec. 23, 1909,..... 310.87

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" ". By Balance of Unpaid Pledges,..... 113.00

" ". By Unpaid Pledges,..... 250.00

363.00

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BREAKING GROUND AT THE NEW ORPHANAGE

A large number of friends of the Norwegian Orphanage took advantage of the fine weather on Sunday afternoon to witness the breaking of ground for the new buildings which are to be erected this fall for the Norwegian Orphanage, in Edison Park.

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After the singing of a hymn, the president of the Orphanage society read from the Scripture and led in prayer. Then Reverend C. K. Solberg gave a brief address in Norwegian. Another hymn was sung, whereupon Reverend T. Sigmond spoke in English.....Reverend Ellestad then dedicated the lot..... thrusting the first spade into the ground where the new buildings are to be erected.

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The matron of the Orphanage, Sister Caroline, made the next spade cut, after

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which everyone was given an opportunity to join in the ground breaking.
Many of those present took part.

Everybody was enthusiastic about the place as an ideal site for a children's home. Here the children have ample room to play in; the air is pure; and there will also be opportunity for the children to do farm work, and thus to learn to love an active life.

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The place will also be quite an ideal location for future picnics to be held by friends of the children.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHANAGE

The building fund for the Norwegian Orphanage is increasing, but more money is needed. Following is a list of contributions to date:

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Received, August 25, 1909

Chicago contributions	\$345.78
Other contributions	662.70
Previously received	7,682.03
Total to date	<u>\$8,690.51</u>

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NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE
President Ellestad's Report

On April 27 a special meeting of the Society for a Norwegian Orphanage was held. A committee of fifteen was appointed to determine whether or not the Society should build on its twenty acres in Edison Park, or whether it should sell this land and build inside the city limits. Knowing the Society as I do I think that it will unanimously adopt the report of this committee.

This committee held several meetings at which it discussed the factors investigated, such as food and shelter, education, and the standard of living. Finally the committee concluded that to build in Edison Park would be better in every respect than to build in the city. In view of the fact that construction of the building should be finished in time for school this fall, the committee considered how a very up-to-date building might be erected at a minimum cost. The committee thought that the Society should not attempt at present to arrange for more than seventy or eighty children. So far the

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maximum number of children has been seventy, and experience shows that the Society at present is hardly able to care for more, especially with a deficit of \$700.....The committee thought that there ought to be no mortgage on the buildings. A mortgage on a building of any charitable institution is dangerous. Especially is this true with regard to an orphanage that has no definite or permanent income with which to meet its regular expenses. Therefore, the committee dared not to recommend a building that would cost more than the money in the treasury of the Society plus the rental from the Society's property in Irving Park, and plus such amounts as we may reasonably expect to collect this fall. We hoped that the Society would authorize the board of directors to appoint a suitable person to begin collecting funds.

Finally, the committee recommended that the blueprint be made according to the needs of an orphanage. First, boys and girls should have separate living quarters and they should meet only at school and during meals. This is the cottage system, which is characterized by a main office building, school

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rooms, dining room, and kitchen. One house should be built for the boys and another for the girls. This plan is now being adopted. It is a good one, and it has been recommended by influential men in Washington. These men have even suggested that the state legislatures adopt laws making the cottage plan compulsory wherever orphanages are to be built. This plan also permits easy extension of the orphanages. New cottages may be added without change in the old buildings.

After studying and discussing the various plans presented at several meetings, and after securing the advice and an estimate of costs from Architect Sigvard Sorensen, the committee decided to recommend to the Society the building of one main structure for the orphanage and two cottages, one for boys and one for girls. Architect Sorensen promised to be present and explain the plan in detail. The cost of buildings that would accommodate eighty children and their supervisors and servants should not, according to Architect Sorensen, greatly exceed \$16,000.

On the basis of this data the committee recommends to the quarterly meeting

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of the Society: First, that new buildings be erected in Edison Park as soon as possible. Second, that the earlier building plans be discarded. Third, that the proposed buildings be one main building and two cottages, in accordance with the plan presented by Architect Sorensen.

If the Society adopts these proposals, the building committee, the architect, and the matron, Sister Caroline Williams, should meet, in order to agree on the details of the plan. Then the committee should be authorized to accept the modified plan, if the cost involved does not exceed \$16,000.

If, however, this amount is found to be insufficient to provide adequate buildings, then the board of directors should be given authority to appropriate additional funds.

It is also recommended that Architect Sorensen and the building committee or some other authorized committee go to Edison Park to determine the site for

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the new buildings.

The building committee should be directed to begin the work of construction as soon as possible. Speed is required if the buildings are to be ready for occupation before winter.....

On receipt of the President's report the quarterly meeting of the Society resolved unanimously: First, that the new buildings for the orphanage be erected in Edison Park as proposed in the Report. Second, that plans to build according to resolutions adopted at a previous meeting be rescinded. (This earlier plan specified a building to cost \$30,000 and to be large enough to house 150 children.) Third, that the new orphanage buildings be constructed in accordance with the cottage plan. Fourth, that the building committee, the board of directors, the matron of the Orphanage, and Architect Sorensen have full authority to modify or change the details of the plan and to start the work of construction as early as possible. After the plan has been finally adopted it is to be described fully in the Skandinaven.

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It was decided that the buildings be made of brick. The architect's plans were for frame buildings. At the meeting frame buildings were thought to be more costly in the end.

Mr. Anton Pedersen was elected new member of the building committee. Then the board of directors was authorized to appoint a man to collect funds next fall, during the construction of the buildings. Thus the possibility of having the new buildings erected and paid for before winter, is very great. Thirty new members were received into the Society. The meeting was one of the most important in the history of the Society. The attitude of the members was excellent. There was not a sign of discord. All the resolutions or decisions were unanimously made. Everybody seemed animated by the great idea and noble purpose of providing, for the children of the Society's orphanage, an up-to-date home in Edison Park, and of having this task accomplished as soon as possible.....

"The Lord our God will stand by and make our efforts succeed," said President C. F. Ellestad.

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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE WILL BE BUILT
IN EDISON PARK

This week the Society for a Norwegian Orphanage held a well-attended quarterly meeting at the Lion Lutheran Church.

The meeting was one to be long remembered in the history of this benevolent institution. A resolution was passed to erect the new orphanage building in Edison Park in spite of the school conditions there. The old building plan was discarded and the more up-to-date cottage plan was adopted. Finally it was decided not to move faster than the means in sight permitted. Consequently the new orphanage will have to start with room enough for only eighty children.

The school question was settled with an arrangement for the appointment of two teachers at the orphanage. This arrangement will entail an extra expense of about six hundred dollars per year. In spite of this, it was calculated that it will be less costly to maintain the institution outside the city limits than inside the city limits. Through the private school arrangement there will also

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be opportunity for better instruction in Norwegian and in religion. These branches will probably be listed among the regular courses.

The new orphanage will be constructed in accordance with the cottage plan. By adopting this plan several advantages will be gained. First of all, it will be easier to enlarge the orphanage as need requires and as finances permit. Second, it makes the orphanage safer for the children in case of fire. Third, it makes it possible to keep boys and girls better segregated.

President Ellestad's comprehensive special report to the quarterly meeting contained a discussion of the matter. Further details will be presented when the committee meets again.

The reports from the financial secretary and the treasurer showed that the Society had received and expended during the past three months \$1,038.08 for current expenses.

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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE
by
N. J. Ellestad, President

At its meeting last Monday evening the board of directors of the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society found it necessary to receive five more children at our Orphanage. The Orphanage family is increasing; we simply could not refuse these children admission. The building will be crowded, but the matron promised to find space for them some way or other.

We have about seventy children at the Orphanage now, and they must be cared for. Much food, clothing, fuel, and other necessities must be secured. Do not let us forget the children under our charge.

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Then there is the question of a new building. As soon as our building fund



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reaches \$3,000 we will be able to start building. Mr. Oscar Haugan, of the State Bank of Chicago, will be glad to accept donations to the fund whether such donations are large or small. Step in at the bank when you are in the vicinity. Mr. Haugan will be glad to meet you. I have noticed that many people are visiting that bank.

You have probably considered donating to the Norwegian Orphanage for its new building. Perhaps you are waiting for someone to come to ask you for a donation. Do not wait any longer. There is no time for waiting. Go at once to Mr. Haugan and give him the amount you can spare. If you can afford it, give much; if your ability to give is limited, give what you can, but give, and give at once.

How we would wish to be able to announce soon to the friends of this our home for children that we are ready to break the ground at Edison Park for the new Norwegian Orphanage in Chicago.



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Pictures of the Norwegian Royal Couple Presented at
the Festival

The Norwegian Orphanage Society held a festival last Sunday afternoon at the Zion Lutheran Church. The festival was very well attended although the day was very cold and stormy. The original intention was to have the children of the Orphanage present, but the superintendent would not risk the exposure to the weather of any but the strongest, so that only a few of the older children were present at the Church.

The festival was opened with prayer and scripture reading by Reverend C. L. Jothen, minister at the Hauge Lutheran Church. Reverend C. H. Solberg welcomed the people and gave a brief account of the reason for the festival.

The Norwegian King and Queen had presented the Orphanage with a picture of



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themselves, and today this picture was to be placed in the hands of the directors of the Orphanage by Consul F. H. Gade, representing the royal couple. The speaker also referred to the occasion for the gift by the King and Queen. During his recent visit to Norway, Attorney Olaf Ray had obtained audience with the King and had told the latter of the benevolent institutions organized by the Norwegian-Americans in Chicago--the Orphanage and the Home for the Aged. He also mentioned that he, the speaker, on his visit to Norway had spoken to secretary Gronvold about the matter; the King was not present in the Norwegian capital at the time. Both he, the speaker, and Attorney Ray had emphasized that the most desirable gift from the King would be a token of remembrance, to be kept by the institution. The beautiful signed pen sketches of the King and the Queen arrived in time for the bazaar held recently, but had been delayed by the customs house inspection. Consul Gade had succeeded, however, in getting the picture through the customs house free of duty.

A quartet from the Orphanage sang the Norwegian national anthem, after



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which Consul Gade was introduced to the audience and spoke as

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follows:

"This day, St. Valentine's Day, as we all know, is a children's day in America. On that day it is the custom that the children give and receive presents. The most beautiful present that the children of the Norwegian Orphanage are receiving today is from the Norwegian royal couple--the autographed pictures of King Haakon and Queen Maud.

"This is a gift which not only will please the children today; it will also bring pleasure and encouragement in the future, because it is an assurance that the Norwegian royal couple is among the many interested and good friends of the Orphanage. Fond of children as King Haakon and Queen Maud are, they have rejoiced in hearing of this home which so far has solved its task in such a brilliant manner; that today, in spite of reverses and accidents, it is firmly placed on solid ground, the finest memorial to the love and care



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bestowed by the Norwegian-American of Chicago upon the little

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ones who need assistance.

"A couple of weeks, ago the Home for the aged received a similar gift accompanied by a message from the Norwegian King and Queen. Again, today, I have a message from the royal couple, this time to the Norwegian children of Chicago. The portraits are to remind the children of their Norwegian descent; of the fact that their ancestors were Norwegians.

"Even though the children have never seen Norway, they should not forget that Norway is the land of their forefathers; that once upon a time it was the land of their father and mother; that for these reasons they themselves are bound to that country with a multitude of ties. The children have Norwegian blood in their veins; they have Norwegian characteristics in their nature, characteristics with which they will never be able to part--or wish to part--however good and loyal American citizens they may become, because



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the Norwegian inheritance within them is about the noblest they

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possess. Norwegians are welcomed in America just because they are

considered in possession of national characteristics which make them good citizens--diligence, willingness to work, honesty, and respect for law. In these traits Norway has endowed her children with a wealth which cannot be estimated too highly; and the descendants have, in these traits, received an inheritance which they cannot value too highly, and which they should guard with great diligence.

My message to the Norwegian-American children is: Be proud of your Norwegian ancestry, and be ever watchful that you honor Norway; in doing so you are honoring yourselves. The Norwegian child in America must learn, in addition to American history, the history of Norway, the glorious memories from the times of the ancient kings, the Haakons, the Olavs, the significance of 1814 and 1905; the pride of Norwegians at the new age of Haakons and Olavs. The Norwegian child in America must learn to know Norwegian literature which, at the present time, ranks among the very best



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in the literature of the world. The Norwegian child in America

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must learn of the great feats of Nansen and Amundsen.

"Even though the Norwegian child in America never has a chance to come to Norway, the country where his father and mother played when they were children, he must, at least in spirit, see the magnificent nature of the country; the mountains with their snow-capped tops; the boiling waterfalls down the mountain sides; the dark, evergreen forests; the bright, smiling, birch-clad hillsides--all of this so very different from the level prairie-land that we inhabit here.

"The Norwegian child in America must also learn of the inhabitants of fable-land in Norway, the Trolls, the Hulder, the Draugen, the Nokken, the Nissen--by all means they must come to love the ancient pleasant Christmas, Nissen.

"But above all of this, the Norwegian child in America must be taught the



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religion of their fathers; he must come to know and love the God

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who has aided Norway in days of danger; who has helped father and

mother; who will lead onward the child, too, when in genuine faith

and confidence he turns to Him."

Mr. Fredriksen gave a tenor solo, with piano accompaniment. Attorney Ray gave a speech concerning his audience with the Norwegian King on the occasion of the coronation.

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The president of the Orphanage, Reverend Ellestad, on behalf of the Orphanage Society, expressed appreciation for the royal gift.

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NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY
Annual Meeting--Elections, Etc.

The Norwegian Orphanage Society, in its annual meeting, elected a new board of directors, various committees, etc. [Names of newly elected officials omitted in translation.]

Ten new members were received into the Society.

A motion by the board of directors that the Society should refuse any money which might have been donated to the orphanage in the will of Mrs. Gunness was unan-
imously adopted. The retiring financial secretary.... gave the following interest-
ing summary of the finances of the Orphanage since 1900:

Payments to the matron for the care of children to be kept at the Orphanage

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amounted to \$15,603.75; contributions from rural districts totaled \$4,618.96; Chicagoans contributed \$42,143.33; a total income of \$62,366.04.

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The board of directors was instructed to take under consideration the matter referred to in the report of the retiring president--to secure for the Orphanage a larger dependable annual income by inducing as many of the friends of the institution as possible to subscribe one dollar annually toward the maintenance of the Orphanage. The board of directors was requested to develop a workable plan for the attainment of this dependable income, and to report on the matter to the coming quarterly meeting.

It was resolved that the president of the Society call an extra meeting as soon as the required ten thousand dollars has been collected for the building fund.

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NORWEGIAN HOME FINDING SOCIETY
Annual Meeting



The Norwegian Home Finding Society held its annual meeting at St. John's Norwegian Lutheran Church last Wednesday evening. About sixty members were present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Bergesen.

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The president gave his report as follows:

There have been thirty-three children at the Society's home; nine have been placed in homes; seven had been accepted at the Home temporarily because their parents were ill; nineteen are still at the Home. Of these, ten will be placed in homes as soon as papers can be put in order.



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There are invariably more offers of homes than there are children to place; it is therefore easy to find good homes for the little ones. In regard to several of those who have offered their homes to children, with right of full inheritance, the ministers to whose congregations they belong state that these people who want children are Christians, kind, and well off, even rich--childless people who are missing the joy of having children in their homes.

It is desirable that more members be won for the Home Finding Society so that it may not be necessary to hold bazaars, etc., in the future. The Society is the only one among Norwegians--perhaps among Scandinavians--with the purpose of placing orphans in private homes. This method is recommended by President Roosevelt as the best solution of the problem of the orphans.

The membership has been nearly doubled during the year. New members have joined both from Chicago and from the country. The annual report for this

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year will be printed.



Mr. Peter Johnson stated that the large accession of new members from the Church of Our Savior (Lutheran) chiefly is due to the branch which members of the Society, belonging also to that church, have organized. The Home Finding Society decided to form branches in all the congregations which have members who belong to the Society.

The treasurer's report showed that current expenses at the Home were as follows:

Household expenses-----	\$538.81
Heat and light-----	157.90
Reparations, furnishings, taxes-----	584.98
Interest-----	134.58
Wages-----	279.58
Other expenses-----	90.74

The income was-----\$2,642.21

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Annual Meeting--Treasurer's Report



Receipts

January 1, 1908, cash balance-----	\$1,720.65
Received from Secretary, December 31-----	8,463.50
	<u>\$10,184.15</u>

Disbursements

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Total disbursements during year-----	\$9,111.51
Cash balance, January 1, 1909-----	1,072.64
	<u>\$10,184.15</u>

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NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY
Annual Meeting--Secretary's Report



The board of directors has held twelve regular meetings and four special meetings during the year. Four meetings of the Society have been held--the annual meeting and three quarterly meetings. Thirty-four new members have been received. According to the list of members given me at the beginning of the year the membership now should reach 391. This figure is not quite trustworthy, however. According to the rules of the constitution the financial secretary controls the status of membership.

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NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY
Annual Meeting--Report by Financial Committee



During the year the financial committee has sent out a large number of subscription-books to people in Chicago and in the Norwegian Lutheran congregations about the country. The treasurer reports that only a few of these have been returned to him in spite of repeated requests in writing and in the papers to the holders of the books.

The financial committee has also sent out 10,000 copies of the first issue of Orphans' Friend for free distribution in churches and societies.

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Income

Membership fees-----	\$ 254.00
Cash donations to secretary and matron from people in Chicago-----	1,835.56
Donations from outside Chicago-----	522.49
Cash from parents paying for children's keep-----	1,767.35
Cash total from bazaar, 1908-----	2,332.40
Insurance from fire, 1907-----	1,000.00
Bazaar tickets-----	156.00
Seventeenth of May songs, 1907-----	34.70
Lawn party at the Orphanage, 1908-----	101.60
Picnic tickets, 1908-----	318.15

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Mr. S. Olsen's will, by Rev. C.K. Solberg-----	\$ 55.31
From Martin Arnesen for children at orphanage-----	55.34
Total received, December 31, 1908....	<u>\$ 8,463.51</u>

Total paid to treasurer in 1908 \$8,463.51.

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Annual Meeting--Report from Building Committee



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The building committee....met at the home of Reverend Harrisville on February 10, 1908, for organization....At the meeting plans were presented, drawn by various architects, and after the committee had studied the plans, the one submitted by Architect Sorensen was accepted as the most practical and as the one that would most nearly meet the requirements. The secretary was requested to have the architect make certain changes in the plans and supply specifications so that bids could be obtained from builders.

On April 2, there was a joint meeting of the finance committee and the building committee at the home of Mr. O. H. Haugan. Ten of the committee members were present together with Mr. H. A. Haugan and the architect,

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Charles Sorensen. Estimates were presented for a building in accordance with Mr. Sorensen's plans, to cost between \$32,000 and \$35,000. After considerable discussion it was unanimously decided to recommend to the Orphanage Society to erect new buildings in conformity with the plans with such minor changes as the Society might find desirable, and that the work of construction should not be started until \$10,000 had been secured for the building fund. These plans and proposals were placed before the Society at the quarterly meeting in April....They were unanimously adopted with the reservation that the upper story was not to be finished until the number of children at the Orphanage should make it necessary.

The building committee again met on April 27, at the home of Mr. Sorensen. All the members were present. The vacancy caused by the death of the chairman, Mr. S. T. Gundersen, was filled when the president of the Society named Mr. C. L. Ibsen as chairman. Mr. Ibsen was unanimously chosen chairman of the committee. The architect's plans were studied in detail and a few changes and improvements proposed. It was also decided to invite

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the ladies who were members of the board of directors to meet at the office of the architect to inspect the plans.

Since that date the committee has not met since the financial committee has not reported having secured the required \$10,000. The plans, however, are perfected so that bids may be had and work started at a month's notice. Since prices of material and work vary it would be of no use to ask for bids until such time as it had been made certain that the work could be started; the contractors are unwilling to make bids to be in effect far into the future. The plans are placed before the annual meeting for inspection.



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Under the constitution of the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society, the nominating committee must publish its report in Skandinaven at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

The annual meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 20, this year....
Under the constitution, the committee is to place before the members twice as many candidates as there are directors to be elected. The members will choose one from every pair placed on the list.

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To date a total of \$11,332.52 has been contributed to the building fund of the Norwegian Orphanage. This is not quite half of the money necessary. The treasurer for the finance committee, Mr. Oscar H. Haugan, feels that the money should come in much faster. The building is to be erected this spring.

Record Herald, March 20, 1908.

SOCIETIES PLAN CONCERT
TO AID CHILDRENS HOME

A benefit concert for the Norwegian Children's Home Society of Chicago, will be given at Orchestra Hall Wednesday night, April 8, by the United Norwegian Societies, under the auspices of the Norwegian National League and the Norwegian Singers League.

Proceeds from the concert will be applied to the building fund of new Norwegian Orphans Hall, to be erected on a tract of about 20 acres at Edison Park just outside the city limits. The need of the fund is great, as the present home on Irving Park Blvd., was diminished in capacity by one-third through the rebuilding made necessary by fire. It is hoped to erect the new building this summer, so that it can be occupied in the autumn,

The Norwegian Childrens Home Society of Chicago was organized in 1896, and shortly afterward was able to move the children under its care into its own home. A large

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debt has rested for several years on the home, which has been occupied to its fullest capacity by poor, neglected little ones gathered from the city and suburbs. It soon became apparent that the capacity of the home was inadequate and the Edison Park site was purchased through a legacy received from the last George Bessen. The debt has been paid off, but there is not enough money on hand to build adequately.

It is estimated that the new building cost \$25,000.00 and it has been planned to accomodate 150 children. For the last three years the income of the home has been entirely from voluntary subscriptions.

Though conducted in a christian spirit the Norwegian Children's Home does not belong to any particular church. It is a national and non-sectarian charity. Any man or woman may become a member of the society by accepting its constitution and by-laws and paying annual dues.

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The program of the benefit concert will include orchestra numbers, chorus singing under the direction of Emil Biorn, Gust Carlson, John D. Swendson and Alfred Paulsen, a prologue written by Dr. Olav Rohmer and delivered by Arthur Thallough, a violin solo by P. Marinus Paulsen, piano solos by Miss A. R. Walden, a baritone solo by P. Ericksen, a soprana solo by Mme. G. Nelson, a baritone solo by Gustaf Holmquist, reading by Miss Ethel C. Olsen, a soprano solo by Miss E. Olsen and organ solos by William Middelschulte.

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THE SINGERS TO ENTERTAIN THE CHILDREN

The Norwegian Singers' League will entertain the residents of the Children's Home tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 in Bjorgvin's Hall. The singers, as well as their women companions are requested to be present. The children will receive gifts and there will be plenty to eat.

We are informed that the singers are planning a benefit concert for the Children's Home, to be given in the Auditorium or some other large downtown hall.

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HOME FINDING SOCIETY DEDICATED

Home Finding Society dedicated its new home in Irving Park, last Sunday afternoon. The day was exceptionally beautiful, and several hundred people were present. The home was decorated with American-Norwegian and Danish flags. The Reverend J. A. Moldstad spoke of the objective of the society in founding the home. It was an expression of neighborly love. The children who have no parents or who have been neglected are in the same position as the man told of in the bible who had fallen among robbers. The home is to become an asylum for such unfortunate ones.

The Receiving Home is located on Byron Street two blocks West of Milwaukee Avenue, and two blocks South of Irving Park Boulevard. It is a fine two story frame house with four large rooms down-stairs, and five rooms up-stairs. The attic is large, having space for two rooms. The grounds

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consist of two lots making a fine lawn with several big trees.

The Finding Home applies modern principles of caring for unfortunate children. The old way was to gather the children in orphanages, and care for them there. The modern way is to find kindhearted people who are willing adopt the children and bring them up as their own. This new method has several advantages over the old one. It is better for the children to be brought up in private homes than in institutions. In addition, this method makes it possible to take care of a far larger number of children. The Home Finding Society started as a branch of the German "Kinderfreund" (friend of children) in Peoria. The children were temporarily placed either in Peoria or in the Lutheran Orphanage in Stoughton, Wisconsin until homes could be found for them. Since the society has become known and has gained the confidence of the Juvenile Court, so many children were given into the society's care that it became difficult to find places for them, and the officials of the society began to realize that it was

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necessary to get a Receiving Home in Chicago. It was resolved to discontinue the connection with the German "Kinderfreund" and form an independent corporation. The necessary steps were taken, and the society is now able to continue its work under better conditions and with bright outlook.

During the past year and a half, the society has cared for about seventy-five children, a very large number considering the means at the society's disposal. It is an undertaking everybody should rejoice in, and which all Scandinavians might well help supporting.

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The Norwegian Children's Home received nearly \$150 of the proceeds of the aldermen's baseball game two weeks ago.

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YMCA TO VISIT CHILDREN'S HOME

The Scandinavian Children's Home will be visited by the Young Men's Christian Association at 317 N. Erie St., next Sunday at 8 P. M. A good program will be given and everybody **is welcome.**

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ASKS AID FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. L. Harrisville, a Norwegian pastor, asks the public to help the Norwegian Children's Home which takes care of seventy children, but of these only four are paid for by their parents. Many parents can not pay for their children at this home, and some will not pay. The coal bill from last winter has not been paid and the grocery bill for the month of June is not paid yet. All children are treated alike whether their parents pay or not.

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/CHILDREN'S HOME GETS FINE GIFT/

The Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home was presented with a library of one-hundred very well chosen English volumes by the Friday Club. Pastor Harrisville thanked the club in behalf of the home.

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BAZAAR OF THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY
[Attendance Large Throughout the Week]

On Saturday evening the bazaar of the Norwegian Orphanage Society at Wicker Park Hall came to an end. Reverend Torgersen was the speaker of the evening. The attendance was large on Saturday as it had been throughout the week.

The income from the bazaar has been more than \$1,000 during the week, and there are yet a number of articles to be sold. Since all the articles on sale at the bazaar had been donated, the expenses were insignificant, and most of the income is net. There are still a few bills that have not been received, but the belief is that the total expenses will not exceed \$100.



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BAZAAR OF THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY
The Attendance is Good

The bazaar of the Norwegian Orphanage Society at Wicker Park Hall was very well attended on Tuesday evening. Among the many articles donated to the bazaar may be mentioned a landscape painting by Svend Svensen, tax assessed for \$100. There are also a mass of homecraft articles including such things as carpets, dolls, cushions, etc.

The Trinity Branch was in charge of the bazaar on Tuesday and Reverend H. A. Hansen delivered an address. A double quartet sang several numbers.

On Wednesday the Bethlehem Branch had charge and Reverend G. T. Rygh delivered the address. The attendance was large, and the ladies of the Branch did



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excellent business in selling articles and in serving lunch in the dining hall.

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The bazaar will end on Saturday evening.

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THE ORPHANAGE BAZAAR

The bazaar of the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society opened yesterday at Harmony Hall. The attendance was very gratifying. As early as eight o'clock in the evening the crowd was so large that one had to move with caution, and an hour later it was difficult to make one's way from one end of the Hall to the other. The Hall is attractively decorated with bunting and plants.

A mass of beautiful and useful articles are arranged in booths and upon tables in a manner to add elements both of good taste and of businesslike appearance.

Mr. Adolph Larsen opened the program with a most appropriate speech and Miss Agnes Anderson gave a reading which evoked great applause.



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Lunch service was supplied by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Bethel Church, and the ladies did a great business. Tonight the Ladies' Aid Society of the Bethlehem Church will act as host both at the program and in the lunch department. This fact guarantees a good attendance.



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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE

The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society held its annual meeting at Bethany Church last Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended although many had sent excuses, since they were busy at the bazaar for the Home for the Aged.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Reverend Espeseth read a portion of the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew. The president, Reverend G. T. Rygh, presided at the meeting. The secretary, Reverend Paulstud, read the minutes of the last meeting. The president presented the following annual report:

"Once more a year has elapsed and God has held His shielding hand over our orphanage. With the exception of colds and children's diseases there has



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been only one case of serious illness at the Home, and there have been no deaths among the children or the personnel. From day to day, through the acts of benevolent people, God has provided sufficient food and clothing and other temporal necessities. As for things of the spirit, there has been no lack of the presentation of the word of God for 'instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for chastising for righteousness'. The children are brought together morning and night for prayer under the leadership of the matron. During the school term most of the children attend the Dunning School, and during the summer a religious school and a Sunday School is conducted at the orphanage. It was found necessary to send two boys away from the orphanage, since they were unwilling to abide by the school discipline.

"On the morning of August 6, a fire caused some damage, fully covered, however, by insurance. With thanks to God we are able to announce that neither children



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nor personnel were hurt. At present there are fifty-four children at the orphanage, all of them healthy and strong.

"When the president of the Society, Reverend John Hetland, resigned in June, as he was leaving for Kansas, Reverend Espeseth was elected president for the remainder of the term.

"The following recommendations are submitted:

"1. The committee appointed by the Society at its last annual meeting for the purpose of developing and presenting proposals for changes in the constitution of the Society is now ready to report. In particular, I recommend that the Society amend the constitution to the end that every member of the Society must also be a member of a Lutheran congregation. It would be desirable if the Society also adopted article nine, paragraph one of the committee report



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requiring that at least two thirds of the board of directors be members of congregations connected with the United Lutheran Church in America. In order to safeguard against the possibility of the orphanage's passing into strange hands; to prevent possible bickerings and division in the board of directors as well as in the Society itself; to safeguard against the subversion of the Lutheran principles upon which the orphanage is founded; finally, to gain security as far as the maintenance of the orphanage in the future is concerned, I consider it absolutely necessary that the members of the Society also be members of Lutheran congregations.

[Translator's note: Recommendation 2 is omitted in the paper.]

"3. Next it is recommended that the Society at once begin the work of putting a concrete foundation underneath the orphanage building, with a cement floor in the basement, and that the best type of drainage and bathrooms be installed.



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Cleanliness and fresh air are the very first requirements for the health of the children.

"4. A resident physician ought to be appointed. Preferably, he ought to be a member of the board of directors.

"Thanking the many from far and near who have made gifts in money or in kind during the past year, but, above all, thanking our Heavenly Father for all good things, we conclude the present year. The great Friend of the Children, Our Lord Jesus Christ, will be with us in the new year, and by His mercy He will awaken desire in many to assist in the beautiful work of taking care of the little, neglected children, giving them what they need for body and soul. Let us not grow weary of doing good."

The report was accepted, and it was resolved to take it up for detailed study and consideration later on. The secretary then read the following report:



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"Once more the Orphanage Society has seen a year pass by. We have every reason to say that God has helped us up to this very day. At the beginning of the year it looked as if the Society had difficult times ahead, and there is no use denying that the board of directors had a difficult task on hand at the time. It would be most desirable that the Society and, especially, the board of directors be spared from such experiences in the future.

"The orphanage has won many good friends of late, and we have good reason to believe that more will be added. The Society has held six meetings during the year; the board of directors, sixteen.

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"A number of repairs have been completed at the orphanage, and many more should be undertaken. We are hoping that generous hearts may open for this great cause so that the orphanage may thrive and solve its problems.



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"Forty-one new members have joined our Society this year; two members died during the year. At present there are fifty-four children at the orphanage."

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The secretary could not give a complete financial report since considerable amounts during the early part of the year went directly to the treasurer. According to the books of the secretary, the Society's finances are as follows:

Income- - - - - \$2,477.99

Expenses- - - - - \$2,789.78

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The treasurer of the Society, Mr. Naakon Thompson, informed the annual meeting that his accounts had been sent to the revisions committee and that this committee had not yet finished its work with the books. Offhand he could



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merely report that after all bills up to October 1 had been paid, there was sixty-four dollars in the treasury.

The following is from the report of Miss Annie Abrahamsen, superintendent of the orphanage:

On January 1, 1900, there were thirty-one children at the orphanage. During the year, thirty-eight have been accepted of ages from two and one-half years to fourteen years. Twenty of these children were "nonpaying"; two of the other children were being cared for at half the usual fee, while the full fee was being paid for the care of the rest.

Thirty-eight of the children are going to the public school at Danning. Eighteen children have been reclaimed by their parents. Seven children had been placed in the orphanage as temporary guests.

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There has been very little illness at the orphanage and no deaths during the past year.

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The Norwegian Society for the Orphanage held its quarterly meeting last Monday evening at Zion Norwegian Lutheran Church. The meeting was opened with prayer and scripture reading by Reverend George Rygh.

Mrs. Michalsen of the visiting committee, reported that there are now fifty-two children at the Home; that all of these are healthy except a little girl who has had to stay in bed a few days.

One woman applied for admittance to the Home for a child under two years of age. Since a baby of less than two years requires the full attention of one person, it was arranged to hire the child's mother as a cook at the Home, while she at the same time takes care of her child.

Reverend Rygh supplemented the report by informing the members that two boys had been sent away from the Home for good and sufficient reasons.



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Thirteen new members were received. The meeting was concluded with singing and prayer.



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Linde Ladies' Aid Society Gives Concert for Orphanage

The Linde Ladies' Aid Society arranged for a concert at Ticker Park Hall last Saturday evening, the proceeds to go to the Norwegian Orphanage. In spite of the oppressive heat during the day, and the rain during the evening, more than five hundred people came to enjoy the concert, filling the hall to capacity.

The program consisted of singing and instrumental music. Miss Lulu Lund sang two soprano solos most beautifully, and she was vigorously applauded. Mrs. Antonie Meyer accompanied her at the piano. Mr. J. Thur gave a violin solo, "Fjeldreslaet" (Fairytale Dance), by Thielmann, receiving well-deserved applause. There were several other musical numbers presented.

The Reverend J. E. Torsersen made a moving speech. He called attention to the heat of the past weeks with the many consequent deaths, mostly among

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children; then referring to the Linde Society, which has existed for nine years, the speaker pointed out that there has been, on the average, only one death per year. The speaker further dwelt on the good work accomplished by the Norwegian Orphanage and the happy way in which the superintendent, Miss Abrahamsen, has conducted the work. The educational work was considered especially praiseworthy by the speaker. The earliest instruction--the education the child receives before his tenth birthday--has proven, according to the speaker, to be fundamental to the child's development.

The speaker concluded by wishing the Orphanage every possible success in the future. He thanked the Linde Society for its sacrifices in favor of the cause, and especially for the work that had produced the evening's concert.

After the concert, refreshments were served to all those present.

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NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIAL

The ladies of the Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society gave a successful social at Erie Chapel last Thursday evening, in the interest of the Home. About one thousand people were present--as many as the chapel could hold, and the social was a success in every way.

The president of the Society, Reverend George T. Rygh, opened the social with a speech, warmly thanking those present for their interest in the Orphanage and urged all to continue their support of this noble institution.

Fredrick J. Luedje's piano solo, "La Source Limpido," was excellently executed and won much applause, as did also Master Wilson Reed's singing. Miss Carrie Johnson evoked great merriment with her recitation, "The Village Gossip," and Mr. Arthur Peterson's mandolin solo was a great success. Following this, Miss Lena Lilja sang Gray's "Dream of Paradise," and then came the crowning number of the evening, Mr. W. C. Thorp's moving pictures and scenes from Norway.



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This excellent collection of pictures with views from mountain top and from fiord, and comic incidents from all parts of the world, holds the audience in constant balance between sentiment bordering on nostalgia on one hand, and bursts of laughter on the other, and on this occasion as at the time of the Seventeenth of May festival, it was quite evident that the public was in no wise tired of the exhibition, but would have liked to have it continued. Mr. O. A. Thorp recited Ibsen's "Terje Viken" in a manner suited to the theme, and the piano duet played by Misses Julietta Bredohall and Mabelle Peterson was strongly applauded. The program concluded with a song by Master Wilson Reed, after which refreshments were served. Many in the audience expressed their delight with the program and the social as a whole.



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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY



The Norwegian Orphanage Society held its regular monthly meeting last Monday evening at the Immanuel Church. The president, Reverend George T. Reigh, presided.

Treasurer Haakon Thompson made the following report for the month of July:

Income during the month.	\$329.66
Cash in the treasury, from previous month.	5.44
	<u>\$335.10</u>
Total expenses during the month.	279.18
	<u>\$ 55.92</u>

Mr. R. O. Jorstad, No. 10 Market Circle, Pullman, had sent the orphanage one hundred dollars, which was gratefully received, and the secretary, Reverend Paulsrud, was authorized personally to bring Mr. Jorstad the thanks of the orphanage. The donor has been ill for a protracted period and is still in a precarious health condition.

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The committee for the ice-cream social to be held on Thursday, July 19, at the Erie Chapel, corner of Erie and Ada Streets, reported that the sale of tickets was progressing excellently.....

The monthly meeting was not as well attended as had been expected, and it was resolved to announce the next meeting by means of postal cards.



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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY

The Norwegian Orphanage Society met last Monday evening at Bethel Church on Humboldt Street. A considerable number of new members were received into the Society.

The treasurer, Mr. Haakon Thompson, informed the Society that at least \$250 must be raised over and above the regular income to meet the expenses at the Home during the coming two or three months.....One of the ladies present suggested an ice-cream social as the means of raising the money. She suggested that the Society secure a hall to seat one thousand people; arrange an excellent program for which the participants will donate their services; sell 1,000 tickets at twenty-five cents each and let each member undertake to sell five tickets. The income of the social would then be \$250.

The plan seemed practical and the motion was adopted unanimously. A committee of seven was elected to see to the execution of the program. The time and place will be announced later.



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NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE SOCIETY HOLDS DONATION PARTY

The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society gave a Donation Party on Saturday at the Home, on Irving Park Boulevard. During the afternoon a number of gifts were received in the form of groceries, clothes, beds, and cash to the amount of more than one hundred dollars. The Ladies Aid Society Verdandi served coffee and cake at the low price of ten cents, and the customers were many. Many of the visitors to the Home brought flowers for decorative purposes.

Three children belonging to Jens and Lina Nelson were received at the Orphanage or Home last week. The president, Reverend J. Hetland, took the occasion to have the children baptized, something which the parents had not done. The children received the names of Clara, Myrtle, and Leroy.....

A trip by streetcar out to the Home, to watch these many well-behaved children, is a pleasant diversion after the daily duties. The Mother of the Home, Miss Abrahamsen, is glad to have visitors, and the children, too, are eager to know who the visitors are.



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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED
Reception at the Home Brings out Many People

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A midsummer festival was held at the Home for the Aged in Norwood Park last Saturday.... The ladies brought refreshments, and while the committee arranged for the table service the guests went through the building greeting the aged people.... Dr. N. T. Quales, the president of the Society for the Home for the Aged....welcomed the people. He mentioned that on June 15 four years had elapsed since the first guest, Mrs. Osterberg, had been received at the Home which, at the time, was not in such excellent condition as at the present time.

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Mr. John Andersen was the next speaker.... The board of directors of the Home,



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he said, in taking such energetic steps for the comfort of the aged, have
erected for themselves a monument of which they have reason to be proud.....

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The Norwegian Orphanage Society Holds Annual Festival



The Norwegian Lutheran Orphanage Society held its annual festival at the Bethany Church last Friday evening.....Reverend Metland, president of the Society, explained to those present the objectives of the Society. The speaker has been in the movement since the very beginning.....The Home was dedicated one year ago and during the past year its debt has been reduced, so that only \$1,500 remains unpaid.

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The festival was well attended and the program was excellently presented.....
A donation party will be held at the Home on Saturday, May 19.

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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE
Unexpected Aid

The regular monthly meeting of the Norwegian Orphanage was held last Monday evening at the Bethel Church on Humboldt Street. The meeting was well attended; the majority of those present were women.

As both the president, Reverend Mr. Hetland, and the vice-president, Dr. Meling, were absent, Mr. Johannes Liabol was elected chairman for the meeting.

The treasurer of the Orphanage Society, Mr. Hakon Thompson, gave a survey of the finances of the Society since the last annual meeting. The final statement of this survey was sadly received; it announced a deficit of \$200 for the month of March; the expenses had exceeded income to the extent of the amount mentioned.

At this point evidence appeared, however, of the truth in the old maxim, "When the need is greatest, help is closest at hand." [Translator's note: An old Norwegian Maxim.]



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A number of young ladies on the Northwest Side had formed a society some time ago, called "The True Friendship Circle". A delegation from this Circle was present and presented the treasurer of the Orphanage Society with \$115 from the Circle. This amount added to the regular income of the Society is expected to pull the Orphanage out of the mud of deficit for the time being.

The president of the True Friendship Circle is Miss Margrete Blom; the vice-president, Miss Paulsen; secretary, Miss Miller; treasurer, Miss Norman. The chairman of the meeting of the Orphanage Society extended the thanks of the Society for the true friendship which the Friendship Circle had evidenced toward the children at the Orphanage.

The remaining time of the meeting was given to discussion of the question as to whether the board of directors were to be authorized to give any of the children at the orphanage to suitable persons for adoption. In this discussion the Reverends Rygh; Ofstedal; Mr. Hakon Thompson; and the chairman participated.



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THE NORWEGIAN ORPHANAGE



From the Norwegian Orphanage in Chicago the Skandinaven has received the following appeal to the holders of the chain letters which the Orphanage sent out about a year ago:

"It is our wish to clear the account of the chain letters from the Orphanage and those who are now in possession of these letters are requested to send them to the undersigned before July 1 of the present year. Do not send out any copies of the letter after the date mentioned. For one year these letters have been circulated, and something over two hundred dollars has been received as a result. A large number of letters are out at present, and we hope that all of them are in good hands so that when they are returned every one of them will contain a sum of money, large or small. Some people have sent more money than called for with their letters, instead of copying the letters and forwarding them. Such action would be very commendable at present when we are discontinuing our



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campaign. What a boon to our cause it would be if the letters circulating at present were returned to us with an average of one dollar per letter. Not only would we then be able to pay the debt still outstanding (about \$1,500), but we would also be able to accept an additional number of orphans now knocking in vain at the door of the Orphanage with their applications. We have space for twice as many as we have here now.... but much is required before we can take them in.

We sincerely hope that none of those now in receipt of any of the chain letters will throw the letter into the wastebasket, but will act in accordance with the admonition given above.

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If anyone who has not received a chain letter should feel able and willing to contribute to our work, please send the contribution to Reverend G. C.

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Paulsrud, 15 Cherry Place, Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Paulsrud is the
secretary of the Norwerian Orphanage Society.



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(Signed) Mrs. Sofie Michaelsen
1138 N. Maplewood Avenue.

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To the Norwegian Lutheran Bethesda Home Society: During 1936 nine old people ended their pilgrimage at Bethesda.

Dr. Harlow Hanson continues his sacrificing service at our home. Whenever he is called night or day he cheerfully responds. We are greatly indebted to him for his valuable services. We are also grateful to the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital where we may send our sick people whenever it is seen fit to do so. During 1936 eleven old people were taken into our home. At the close of the year we had sixty-nine old people at the home. Pastor C. Michaelson, who is the shepherd of our home, donates much of his time to visit the sick and feeble, to give them comfort and spirited advice and help.

The weekly visits by members of the Pastoral conference are greatly appreciated. If they cannot always come on the scheduled time, they usually try to be

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present with the Ladies Aid when they visit the Home. Thirty two Ladies aids, young peoples' societies, and singing societies have made their visits to the Bethesda Home during the last year. Lunches were served and donations given. Four dinners for the benefit of the Home were given by various societies. Two summer festivals were celebrated, one of them by the Norsk Ungdom Fellesforbunds Forening, in Chicago. A flag day and a one week bazaar helped to give substantial support to the Home.

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THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN BETHESDA HOME

The Norwegian Lutheran Bethesda Home was organized January 13, 1907, with twenty-four members. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baade, 218 N. May St., Chicago. The board of directors of five members were elected: Mr. J. Gunderson, president; Mr. A. Halton, vice-president; Miss Julie Dahle, secretary; Mr. Edward Hanson, financial secretary; Miss Hildur Baade, treasurer. Their motto was (Proverbs 19-17): "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." The plan was to erect and maintain a home for old and needy, free housing, light and heat, in this way to show Christian charity among the Norwegian people. On February 10, 1908, a group from Bethel Church joined the association under the name of Bethel Branch. They proved a blessing because they had a heart for the needy. On March 12, 1908, the association changed its name from Haabet

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to Norwegian Lutheran Bethesda Home Association, and under that name the association was incorporated January 30, 1909. The committee in charge of this were Pastor Ellestad, Rygh and Tiller, Mr. B. D. Larsen and Mr. Holt. Shortly after this two lots near Deaconess Hospital were purchased. The association gave Miss Baade an official call as their Field Secretary, on August 17, 1908. On May 13, 1909, the two lots were sold to the Deaconess Hospital and the association bought three other lots in the same block. It is on that property that the old Bethesda Home is built. The cornerstone was laid November 6, 1910. The following July the home was ready and Miss Marie Rigstad, who had been called by the association, took up her work as matron. Nineteen aged and needy entered the Home. In a short while the Home became too small and an addition was built and dedicated in 1914, which could accommodate thirty-five men and women. Again our quarters became too small, so in 1919 the association began looking for a new site and the lots where the present home stands were bought.

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Before starting the building we had a campaign which brought in approximately \$50,000 in cash and subscriptions, and shortly afterwards we had a legacy from William P. Tuttle of \$50,000. The present building was started in the fall of 1924. The cornerstone was laid May 3, 1925, increasing our capacity to 70 residents. The cost of the building was \$182,400. Up to 1933 none but the destitute could be admitted into the home, since then due to financial conditions we were obliged to take in some with means to help carry the burden, but we still consider the needy.

We are thankful to God for the work accomplished through the years and give Him praise for it.

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THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Following are the minutes of the meeting of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society, held at the First Lutheran Church, Fullerton Avenue and Ballou Streets, January 31, 1921:

In the absence of the president and the vice-president, the secretary called the meeting to order and Reverend Louis Moe led in Scripture reading and prayer. Upon motion made and carried, Mr. Albert Petersen was elected chairman of the meeting and presided.

The reports of the president, Mr. Lars Enger (at present in Florida), and the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Paasche, were read and accepted. Other reports were made by the secretary, treasurer, auditors, pastors, assistant secretary, and matrons. Reports were also given on the Endowment Fund (by Mr. Albert Petersen, secretary), the Ladies' Board, and the Young Ladies' Aid. The following

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branches reported: Bethlehem, Concordia, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Norwood Park, and Wicker Park.

All candidates nominated by the branches were elected to office. Messrs. Kramer, Bauer, and Kolseth were elected to the auditing committee for 1921.

Dr. Dammann asked permission to arrange for a lecture by Mr. J. W. Reber, of Alaska. Mr. Dammann felt that such a lecture would realize a considerable sum for the Home. Others spoke in favor of it, and the matter was finally referred to a joint board meeting.

Reverend M. L. Nesvig introduced Reverend D. Kvasse as his successor as pastor of the Home. Reverend Kvasse in very befitting words thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as pastor at the Home; he assured all that he loved the work and had begun to make friends fast the few times he had been out there.

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It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be telegraphed to Mr. Lars Enger for his untiring and faithful work as president of the Society. It was also voted that a letter of thanks be sent to the First Lutheran Church for the use of the church parlor for our annual meeting. A letter of thanks was sent to Skandinaven for the liberal use of their paper in helping the Society's good work for the old people.

A rising vote of thanks was given all outgoing officers, and a resolution was ordered sent to Mrs. Niles T. Quailes who was unable to attend this meeting. As there was no further business at hand the meeting adjourned.

President's Report

The twenty-fifth year of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society's history seems worthy to stand out as one of its memorable years, for we have undergone changes and experiences which are rather unusual.

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In the month of January an epidemic of influenza struck our beloved city with tremendous force, resulting in an appalling death rate, and the Old People's Home had its full share of the scourge. From twenty-five to thirty of the residents were ill for nearly three months, and the Home was under quarantine for about that length of time, being visited by inspectors from the Health Department two or three times a week. Even the matron was stricken with the disease and extra nurses had to be engaged; they were not easy to secure for all kinds of help was very scarce.

In about three weeks, during the latter part of January and the first part of February, seven of the residents died from the disease--an experience our Home never had before and, we hope, will never have again. In the spring the ordinary health conditions of the Home were restored, but the Matron, Miss Caroline Anderson, who had served faithfully in that capacity for about seven years, saw fit to resign for much needed rest. She left us on May 1, and we were fortunate in securing her successor, Mrs. Emma Anfang, who has been managing the Home with a great deal of fidelity ever since, even under the

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most trying circumstances of not being able to secure enough help to do the necessary work. Much credit is due her.

The usual schemes for raising money for the Home were carried out. Advertising in our annual report was handled very successfully by the advertising manager, Mr. A. O. Satrang, and more money was raised from this source than ever before. Tag day, midsummer festival, picnic, and bazaar--these activities, conducted by our good ladies, were all very successful. This was especially true of the bazaar which resulted in receipts far beyond our best expectations, and all the active members of our Society have reason to be proud of the results.

The movement to advance the Norwegian Old People's Home Society's Endowment Fund started during the latter part of 1919. While not quite satisfactory, because of lack of interest among the individual members, it resulted in about doubling the fund, and the effort was worth the time and energy put into it.

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Financially the Home is in better shape than ever in spite of the fact that the running expenses amounted to nearly \$26,000, the banner year as far as expenses are concerned. The present outlook indicates that the cost of operating the Home next year should decline at least twenty per cent.

The charitable work of the Society in 1920 amounted to about seventy-five per cent, the same as last year. It cost the Society \$250 for each resident in the Home during the past year. This means that the Society must raise \$2,500 for each person admitted to the Home, for the residents live an average of ten years after admission.

We face the new year with undaunted faith and courage, and put our trust in God who is able to bring all things about successfully.

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The Vice-President's Report

The Norwegian Old People's Home Society is indeed most fortunate in having passed through one of the most critical years of its existence with more than usual gratifying results. For this we are foremost indebted to our courageous and ever-enthusiastic president, Mr. Lars Enger, who, throughout the years, has given much of his valuable time in order that the Society might be preserved and continued to advance along the lines of progressive institutions.

One of the biggest tasks of last year was to increase our Endowment Fund which is so much needed for the future protection and safety of the Home. It is regrettable that this endeavor failed to bring the desired results because of the failure of the committees appointed and the membership at large to back the movement and carry it to a successful conclusion. Our honorable president, however, did not let this stand in his way, but with the assistance of Mr. Albert Peterson, our attorney, succeeded in increasing

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the Endowment Fund by about \$30,000. This, of course, our president does not think is very much, but let us all unite in assuring him that the Society is deeply indebted to him for his energetic, conscientious, and earnest efforts in connection with the raising of this Fund.

The Society is also most fortunate in having at its command the valuable services of such thrifty and enthusiastic workers as Mr. Anton J. Berger, our treasurer. He can be seen busily engaged at all affairs of the Society, working far into the night in addition to giving his time every day of the year in order that the books and audits may be up to date and correct.

Mr. Albert Peterson, our attorney, likewise gives his valuable time and services which represents hundreds of dollars saved to the Society for legal work performed without compensation.

Mr. A. O. Satrang, our advertising and publicity manager, always makes it a point to raise at least several thousand dollars through the offices of our

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honorary president, Mr. Oscar H. Haugan.

Our secretary, Mr. J. M. Jacobsen, joyfully serves the Society at all its meetings, and devotes a great deal of his time evenings to the mass of clerical work necessary in connection with all records, announcements, etc., throughout the year.

The rest of the directors always co-operate, giving their assistance as best they can. Is there any wonder, then, with such a combination that the Home is growing and getting along very well?

The Ladies' Board reached the height of endeavor in equipping our bazaar with an abundance of the most useful and handsome articles ever displayed and assembled at the Norwegian Fair, resulting in the most gratifying returns far in excess of any previous year. May God bless them and give them power and energy to carry on the good work in the future.

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Our Young Ladies' Aid also made a very fine showing for this year, and may they also be encouraged to give more abundantly of their valuable services to this grand and worthy cause.

To our many friends and associates who so heartily and freely give their support, making it possible for us to show such a gratifying record, we are truly grateful in behalf of our "Dear Old Folks," for whom we all delight in doing all we can. They are the sole beneficiaries of whatever is contributed to the Home, for there are no salaries paid to any of the officers connected with the organization.

May the new year enrich the fellowship and the good-will asset among our people to a broader, keener, and fuller appreciation of the good work to be done.

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Secretary's Report

Again another year has passed and we can look back at work done, in the days that have gone by, with great pleasure and pride. And I can report to you as your secretary that the men you have selected as your board of directors have met regularly, and always in fine spirit and harmony have transacted the unusually many problems that have come up for consideration during these abnormal and difficult times. Your board of directors has met regularly every month, and has had good attendance at every meeting.

For the executive committee I may also report that this committee has had their regular monthly meetings at the Home; every member on the committee has had plenty of work to do, and they have performed their tasks well. If you visit the Home you will see for yourself how well it looks inside and out, and through the efforts of your wide-awake committee the Home looks better than ever before.

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We have had many interesting events during the year, such as tag day, midsummer festival, annual picnic, Singing Society day, Blue Square Club concert, several outings for the old folks, and last but not least, our annual bazaar.

During the year, twelve residents passed away at the Home. Ten new residents were admitted--seven women and three men. The past year saw more activity at the Home than ever before; there were more visitors than in any previous year, and more donations were received by the matron.

All bills have been paid, as you will hear from the treasurer's report, and there is a fair surplus left with which to carry on the work.

The reports from the various branches and organizations have been good. The Society can proudly face the Norwegian people of Chicago and say: "We have done well." The Society will go forward from year to year, and our assets will, no doubt keep increasing as we go along. All the residents of the

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Home seem to be content; no grumbling is ever heard.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1920.	\$ 6,051.83
Dues from various branches.	2,882.98
Net receipts from bazaar.	6,569.37
Net receipts from picnic.	631.98
Net receipts from singers' festival.	133.00
Net receipts from tag day.	2,155.28
Net receipts from annual report.	2,098.81
Net interest.	45.89
Entrance fees.	6,420.40
Donations.	5,016.10
Total receipts.	\$32,005.64

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Disbursements

Groceries.	\$ 12,477.47
Wages.	4,595.92
Fuel.	2,085.70
Drugs.	82.74
Matron's sundries.	167.51
Repairs.	497.71
Gas.	651.89
Electricity	245.65
Funeral expenses	707.60
Insurance premiums.	1,482.44
To Endowment Fund, N. O. P. H.	75.00
Invested bonds.	5,000.00
General expenses.	1,087.49
Real-estate taxes.	136.19
Burial ground improvement.	367.20

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Petty cash to matron	\$ 10.00
Total disbursements	<u>29,670.51</u>

Balance in bank, December 31, 1920	\$ 2,132.34
Balance in hands of treasurer	<u>202.79</u>
Total	<u>\$32,005.64</u>

The Dr. Niles T. Juales Endowment Fund

Cash on hand, January 1, 1920	\$ 104.32
Securities on hand, January 1, 1920	<u>7,150.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,254.32</u>

Received Interest on Donation	<u>488.88</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,743.20</u>

Balance, January 1, 1921 (cash).	\$ 243.20
Securities.	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total	<u>7,743.20</u>

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Norwegian Old People's Home Society Endowment Fund

Cash on hand, January 1, 1920.	\$ 41.92
Securities.	32,651.66
	<u>\$32,693.58</u>
Donations and interest received	12,440.90
Total	<u>\$45,134.48</u>
Cash on hand, Dec. 21, 1920	\$ 1,359.48
Security	43,775.00
Total	<u>\$45,134.48</u>

Matron's Report

At the present time we have one hundred residents in the Home, seventy women and thirty men. Ten new residents were admitted during the year.

The Norwood Park Branch of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society is doing

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good work. We now have two hundred and thirty-four members, and more are joining at every meeting.

I sincerely thank Miss Camilla Andersen, the former matron, for the kindness and help she gave me when I first came to the Home. And I wish to thank the board of directors, the Ladies' Board, Reverend Nesvig, and Dr. L. M. Bower for their kind assistance during the time I have been here.

To all the residents and the help, and to the ladies who helped at the bazaar, with Mrs. Gina Pedersen at the head, I wish to extend my heartiest thanks for their helpfulness and co-operation.

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THE NORWEGIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY

We give here the report of the last annual meeting of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society. The main interest lies in the fact that this Society has grown and strengthened more than any other society over a period of five years. The report reads as follows:

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society was held Friday evening at the Wicker Park Church, corner of Hoyne Avenue and LeMoyne Street, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend H. L. Nesvis. Mr. Lars Enger presided. Reports of the various officials and branches of the Society were read, approved, and ordered placed on file. The following nominations were presented to serve on the board of directors and ladies' auxiliary board.

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Board of Directors

Bethlehem: No nomination. Concordia: Anton A. Melum, 3 years to succeed himself; Marchall Solberg, one year to fill vacancy; C. J. Golee, one year to fill vacancy. Humboldt Park: Birser Osland, 3 years. Norwood Park: No nomination. Logan Square: Albert Peterson, 3 years. Wicker Park: No nomination.

Ladies' Auxiliary Board

Bethlehem: Mrs. Emma Anderson, 3 years; Mrs. Norman Mikkelsen, 2 years. Humboldt Park: Mrs. Thora Hausan, 3 years; Mrs. L. Quam, 1 year. Concordia: Mrs. J. Janason, 3 years; Mrs. John Waage, 1 year. Norwood Park: Mrs. Falk 2 years. Logan Square: Mrs. E. C. Glaeser, 3 years. Wicker Park: Mrs. Charles Johansen, 3 years.

The secretary was requested to take one ballot, and the above were un**anim**ously

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elected. It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be given to Skandinaven, Scandia, the Northwest News, and all retired officers. A vote of thanks is also to be extended to the pastor of the congregation for the use of the church for our annual meeting. Our president, Mr. Lars Enger, was honored by a rising vote of thanks in recognition of his self-sacrificing and untiring efforts in behalf of the Home.

President's Report

The year 1919 has in some respects been a notable year in the annals of the Norwegian Old People's Home, for we have gone through the first period of reconstruction, as it were, and while we expressed the hope a year ago that the high-water mark of the cost of living had been reached, we have actually experienced an increase in expenses of about twenty per cent over last year in running the Home with the same number of inmates. At this writing we are not in position to state whether we have mounted as high in expenses as we

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will, for the prospects before us are not as good as we would wish them to be. However, we are not looking at the future in a spirit of defeat, fear, or discouragement. The Society has fully measured up to the mark every year even though expenses have gradually increased, and we are confident the same will be done in the future.

Through the diligent efforts of our advertising manager, Mr. O. A. Satrang, and two or three others, more than eleven hundred dollars was received from advertising in our annual; the cost of publishing and distributing totaled about three hundred dollars, thus netting the Home about eight hundred dollars. The receipts from the tag day were somewhat less than last year because at just about that time the city of Chicago witnessed a tag day every two or three days, and the people had grown somewhat tired of being tagged. Our ladies worked just as hard and with the same intelligent effort as before, and deserve great credit even though the conditions were not favorable.

The Midsummer Festival was more successful than ever, both in attendance and

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in money receipts. About fourteen hundred people attended the picnic last August, not quite as many as the year before, but those who were there spent their money more freely and the proceeds were higher than for any previous year. The bazaar, held during the first week in December, was the greatest of all bazaars the Society has conducted, and resulted in about \$5,700 in gross receipts, nearly two thousand dollars more than the year before, and we estimate that fully four thousand people were in attendance.

Through the harmonious efforts of all the active workers of the Society, the money to pay all bills as they came due has been furnished, and not only that, but the assets of the Home have increased by about \$6,000. The average length of residence at the Home is about ten years, and at the present cost of running the Home of about \$220 per person per year, the Society must furnish \$2,200 for every resident admitted as a life member.

The charitable work done by the Norwegian Old People's Home Society during

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1919 took care of about seventy-five per cent of the expenses; the remaining twenty-five per cent came from admission fees.

Preparations for the greatest effort ever made to raise money for the endowment fund of the Norwegian Old People's Home was started this fall, and a good beginning was made on December 15 when over \$15,000 was subscribed at a gathering held at the Norske Klub /Norwegian Club/. The canvass is now going on, and as the workers of the Society will surely do their best, there is no doubt but that our goal of \$100,000 will be reached. The ladies' board has rendered wonderful service during the year, and without them we are absolutely sure the Home could not exist. They will no doubt receive their reward in due season.

While we are thankful to God Almighty for the past, we look forward with faith and trust in Him who holds our destinies in the hollow of His hand.

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Secretary's Report

This is the first time I have had the pleasure of reporting to you as your secretary. I am happy to say my experience as such has been most pleasant; it is a pleasure to work together with such men as constitute the board of directors of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society. My report will only be short and incomplete.

The board of directors have met regularly once every month with a good attendance at every meeting. Every member of the board has lost no opportunity at these meetings to show that our Home and its interests are deep-rooted in their hearts. The unusually large sum of money required to keep the Home going during the past year has been met by the hard and efficient work of every member of the Society.

The executive committee has held its regular monthly meetings at the Home with

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good attendance; the work before the committee has always been done in harmony and for the very best interests of the Home. Two directors, being called away from the city, resigned from the board; they were Mr. H. C. Jenson and Captain J. Jacobsen. In their places were elected Mr. O. C. Ostrom, Logan Square Branch, and Mr. Anton Hausan, Concordia Branch. On two occasions the residents of the Home were given pleasant automobile rides by friends of our Home. The first trip was on June 1, when by special invitation they were taken to Reverend S. P. Lang's church to attend morning service and were later served with refreshments, and a collection was taken up for the Home. The second trip was on September 7, when they were taken to Reverend H. C. Hansen's church where, after attending morning service, refreshments and flowers were donated. Needless to say the residents were overcome with joy at the kindness and sympathy accorded them at these churches.

Nordmaendenes Sangforening (Norsemens Singing Society) gave a very fine concert at the Home on September 21, which was enjoyed by the resident and a

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full house of friends. A collection was taken up at this time. During the past year, eleven residents of the Home passed away; of these, one had lived at the Home for 3 years, one for 5 years, one for 6 years, one for 8 years, two for 10 years, one for 11 years, one for 20 years, and one for 24 years. The average period of residence at the Home is 10 years, and the average age of the deceased was 70 years. During the year seven have been admitted to the Home and three others have been accepted and will arrive soon. It is my duty to report on the different branches, boards, committees, or other activities within our Society; the different officers and the secretary will report of the splendid work accomplished by the Society in the past year.

As we are about to take up the work that lies ahead of us, for the coming year, may the Lord give us love and strength to do still greater work than in the past, and may that work be enlarged to benefit the many people who need our help in days to come, remembering the Master's saying: "What ye have done for me."

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Treasurer's Report

Statements of receipts and disbursements of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society for the year ending December 31, 1919.

Total Receipts	\$ 23,304.49
Cash on hand, January 1, 1919.	<u>3,264.63</u>
Total	\$ 26,569.12
Disbursements	<u>25,769.12</u>
Cash on hand, January 1, 1920	\$ 800.00

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Endowment Funds: State Bank of Chicago

The Dr. Miles T. Qualess Fund

Receipts

Cash and investments, January 1, 1919.	\$ 6,835.01
Interest received	<u>507.46</u>
Total receipts	\$ 7,342.47

Disbursements

Accrued interest paid in purchase of bonds	\$ 88.15
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Balance \$ 7,254.32

Balance made up as follows:

Cash in State Bank of Chicago. \$ 104.32

Due from General Fund 50.00

Invested in bonds and mortgages 7,100.00

Total \$ 7,254.32

Norwegian Old People's Home Society Endowment Fund

Receipts

Balance \$ 20,145.70

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Donations	\$ 2,490.00
Interest Received	1,264.05
Pledges	<u>8,860.00</u>
Total	\$ 32,759.75

Disbursements

Accrued interest paid in purchase of bonds.	\$ 66.17
Balance on hand.	<u>32,693.58</u>

Balance consists of following:

Cash in State Bank	\$ 41.92
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Mortgage notes	\$ 11,400.00
Bonds	12,200.00
Pledges to fund	<u>9,051.66</u>
Total	\$ 32,693.58

Ladies' Board Report

The ladies auxiliary board of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society, in looking forward to the year 1920, has the same aims and aspirations as in the past. In a survey of the year 1919, we believe we have done our best. The work that has come under our supervision has been much the same as in former years, but each year gives us a broader vision and a keener sense of responsibility; only through the co-operation of each board member have we

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been able to measure up to these larger demands, but the outcome of our work has been most gratifying and we feel it has been a year full of attainment, and our ample reward is just the joy of doing it. In tabulating the events of the past year, they follow closely the same as in other years, only broader in purpose and results. In February the reception of the new board members was a very delightful affair.

The men's board, the young ladies' aid, and the women's auxiliary board represent a corps of enthusiastic workers, and this getting together at the first of the year is an inspiration to each one of us. Dr. Lang gave a wonderful address which was enjoyed by the board members and the old people. At this meeting, Dr. Lang extended an invitation to the old people to attend his church on the first Sunday in June. In May we had our annual tag day. While the proceeds were not equal to former tag days, the response of our workers and the interest shown by our chairman was greatly appreciated, and we wish to extend to them our sincere thanks.

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In June the Midsummer Festival, which has become an annual event, was given at the Home. The Norwegian Singing Society [Norsenen's] again furnished a delightful musical program. A splendid address was given and refreshments were served.

In August our annual picnic was given. The event has become our banner get-together day of the year. Again the weather man reserved one of his perfect days for the occasion. In November a pound party was given at the Home, and as in former years, the party was under the supervision of the alumni of the ladies' board. The generous contributions received from friends of the Home prove that we are all thankful for the blessings received and for the opportunity of contributing to the happiness of others.

In December the bazaar was the crowning event of the year, both in attendance and financial results. The combined efforts of each branch in doing their best resulted in our going over the top. Never before have we had such

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beautiful articles on sale, and never before have our friends shown such a spirit of wanting to help by buying so liberally.

During the Christmas season our matron, Miss Camilla Anderson, gave a chicken dinner and party. This was a delightful affair and we might almost say that the spirit of youth was present when all of us gathered around the Christmas tree. This report would not be complete without tribute to our young ladie's aid. It has been all that its name signifies: a splendid aid and help in all affairs and at all times. To them and to each board member and our friends, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks for your co-operation in all the work done this past year, and my best wishes in anticipation of the work that is before us.

Mrs. H. G. Holtan,
President of the ladies' board.

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THE BETHESDA HOME

The Women's Branch of the Bethesda Old People's Home Society gave a midsummer festival at the Home last Wednesday. The "Oldsters" were all hale and hearty, and enjoyed the affair very much. A profit of \$94.00 was made.

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THE BETHESDA OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The Bethesda Old People's Home Society held its quarterly meeting last Thursday evening. It was reported by the chairman that several applications had been received but that none had been accepted because the home was filled to capacity.

The financial secretary gave the following report:

General Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1919.....	\$ 4.00
Donations	799.16
Dues.....	455.75
Net income from tag day, May 26, 1919.....	1,430.32
Interest on Endowment Fund.....	76.57
Total.....	<u>\$2,765.80</u>

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Endowment Fund.....	\$ 250.00
Total all resources.....	<u>\$3,015.80</u>

Treasurer's Report

Cash in Treasury, April 1, 1919.....	\$1,184.74
Receipts from financial secretary.....	<u>3,015.80</u>
Total on hand.....	<u>\$4,200.54</u>
Disbursements.....	1,795.22
Balance in State Bank, June 30, 1919.....	<u>\$2,405.32</u>

Scandia, Mar. 8, 1919.

THE NORWEGIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY

The following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Old People's Home Society:

Whereas, Mr. Lawrence Crook has for a number of years been a member of the board of directors and secretary of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society of Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, During the many years that he has been on the board he has been very active and intensely interested in the work of the Society and has at all times shown a willingness to do all that he could to carry on that work; and

Whereas, Mr. Lawrence Crook has seen fit to retire from the board of directors and as secretary of the Society and has expressed his willingness to assist the board of directors and the Society at all times; be it therefore

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Scandia, Mar. 8, 1919.

Resolved, That the board of directors in regular meeting assembled does hereby express its appreciation for the services rendered by the said Mr. Crook while a member of the board of directors and secretary of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society.

(Signed) Albert Petersen
John L. Johnson

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THE BETHESDA HOME FOR THE AGED

The Bethesda Home Society held its regular quarterly meeting last Thursday at the Home, 2244 Haddon Avenue. The regular chairman, Mr. Ericksen, presided. The usual points were discussed and acted on.

Financial Report
(April, May, and June, 1918)
General Fund

Donations for April.....	\$ 170.50
Donations for May.....	115.45
Donations for June.....	266.72
Total donations.....	<u>\$ 552.67</u>

Membership dues for April.....	\$ 131.75
Membership dues for May.....	77.25

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Membership Dues for June.....	\$ 110.70	
Total dues.....	\$ 319.70	
Proceeds from Concert.....	\$ 172.75	
Interest, endowment fund.....	69.50	
Net Tag day proceeds.....	2,130.96	
Charity box.....	1.68	
Total in General Fund.....	\$3,247.26	[sic]
Legacy estate of Mary Johnson.....	2,000.00	
Total to treasurer.....	\$5,247.26	
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	\$5,247.26	[??]

Treasurer's Report

Receipts.....	\$5,266.03
Disbursements.....	2,080.20
Balance.....	\$3,175.83

Minneapolis (Daily Edition), Jan. 27, 1918.

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY

The Bethesda Society for a Home for the Aged held its eleventh annual meeting at the Home, 244-46 Madison Avenue, Thursday evening, January 10. H. E. Ericksen presided and gave a report for the year.

Financial Secretary's Report Income from January 1 to December 31, 1917

General Fund

Cash on hand, January 1	10.00
Donations	7,452.66
Gifts	1,683.40
Offerings at tenth anniversary celebration	133.10
Thirty day receipts	1,365.85

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Interest on endowment fund	126.22
Collection box at the home	2.60
Old paper sold	3.35
Pictures sold	3.75
Insurance	161.35
Trinity Sick and Aid Society	50.00
	<u>11,057.43</u>
Endowment fund	<u>1,048.05</u>
Total to treasurer	12,105.51
Members	25
Life members	2
Total membership	475

Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1917	567.22
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Received from financial secretary (general fund)	11,853.46
Received from financial secretary (also rent fund)	<u>1,048.35</u>
Total receipts	12,901.81
Disbursements	<u>12,710.69</u>
Balance in bank	191.12

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Real estate (land)	12,068.17
Buildings	1,743.60
Furniture and fixtures	1,170.01

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Endowment fund	2,975.05
Netty cash fund	59.00
Cash in bank	<u>59.11</u>

Total assets	30,061.14
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Liabilities and Net Worth

Endowment fund loan	515.05
Net worth	<u>29,758.09</u>

Total	30,061.14
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Mrs. J. Ullestad, Treasurer.

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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED
Annual Report

The president's report delivered by the vice-president, Mr. Anton A. Mellum was as follows:

"In the absence of our president who is away in the service of our country, it becomes the duty and privilege of your vice-president to make a brief report of the past year's work. The conditions do not seem to have been favorable for any great increase of membership, but the picnic and the bazaar were even more successful than in previous years. The annual report for 1916 was issued in a different form, and through the influence of our president and Mr. Satrang, together with the publicity committee, brought excellent financial results. It was proposed to issue the Protector as a quarterly periodical, but this plan was abandoned for the present.

"In spite of the greatly increased cost of all the needs of the Home, our

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income has proved sufficient. This was due to the diligence of all our efficient and tireless workers in the branches, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Young Ladies' Aid, the patron of the home, the pastor, and the board of directors, but above all I see in our success a sign of divine guidance and favor. This year we have also had an efficient staff of specialists who have generously volunteered their inestimable valuable service to supplement our regular house physician, Dr. Bowes. Of these doctors, Messrs. Svenning Dahl [Lane], Gill, and Knud were called upon repeatedly during the past year. I also wish to acknowledge the kind spirit in which the Norwegian Benevolent Hospital treated our patients and our Society.

"Besides the president, Messrs. Oslund and Johnson are away on government call. Mr. Hofstad has passed to the great beyond. This means that the remaining directors must work all the harder. But the old directors will not fail in this crisis, and the new directors, to be elected for the coming years, I feel sure are with us in this spirit for benevolent service."

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After this report was accepted, the secretary reported on the donations to the general fund of the Norwegian Home for the Aged. [List of donors and the amount contributed by each is omitted in translation. The donations totaled \$1,564.85.]

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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED
Twenty-second Annual Meeting, January 18, 1918

Treasurer's Report
Receipts

Cash on hand.....	840.43
Bazaar.....	2,832.57
Building fund interest.....	55.00
Donations.....	1,539.85
Inventory reserve fund.....	355.00
Norway lecture.....	16.38
Picnic.....	550.76
Annual reports.....	624.20
Tag day.....	2,089.71
Entrance fees.....	7,957.17
Notes payable on loans <u>[sic]</u>	2,800.00

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Bethlehem Branch.....	489.73
Concordia Branch.....	273.71
Humboldt Park Branch.....	394.25
Logan Square Branch.....	201.75
Wicker Park Branch.....	483.18
Total receipts.....	<u>\$21,503.69</u>

Disbursements

Notes payable (loans).....	\$ 1,800.00
Automobile.....	50.00
Drugs.....	135.08
Electricity.....	184.84
General expense.....	288.05
Fuel, etc.....	1,283.64
Funerals.....	424.50

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Furniture and fixtures.....	21.48	
Gas.....	260.73	
Groceries.....	8,701.49	
Interest.....	283.74	
Insurance.....	12.50	
Payroll.....	4,177.77	
Repairs.....	1,250.10	
Real estate, building.....	231.40	
Matron's sundries.....	163.33	
Reserve fund.....	310.00	
Total disbursements.....	\$19,585.15	[sic]
Balance.....	1,918.54	
	<u>\$21,503.69</u>	

A complete report was given by the Society's attorney.

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Reverend M. L. Nesvig's Report

"To the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged in Annual Meeting Assembled:

"Grace and Peace! 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.'
(Heb. 13:8.)

"There have been many and great changes among the nations this past year; epoch-making changes have taken place at home and abroad. Our Society has seen unusual sweeping changes; our highly esteemed president and others of our strongest leaders have bravely responded to our country's call to arms, and have gone to their respective fields of action and service. At home too, there have been changes; eleven of the residents have been taken from us by death, and new ones on the waiting list have been glad to take their places in order to rest a while at the end of life's weary journey at our comfortable Home for the Aged in beautiful and quiet Norwood Park.

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"During all these changes some things have remained unchanged. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world is the same, and His Gospel contains the same message to all changing ages--a message of salvation, of reconciliation, of peace, hope and joy here, and a long rest in the eternal home with Jesus our King. The longings and deep-felt desires in the hearts of men for such an unchangeable message only increases in such times as ours. 'For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come.' (Heb. 13:14.)

"What privilege to be an ambassador of the King of Kings with a message of life to a dying age! My work as pastor at the Home is, therefore, essentially the same from year to year. It is meeting the same need with the same remedy. This year, as heretofore, the usual Sunday afternoon services have been conducted, and the regular monthly week-day calls observed. When the pastor was unable to go, substitutes were sent. On special occasions like Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, the string band from my church has gone with me and brought good cheer to everyone. Choirs from various Chicago churches

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have come out to the Home on Sunday afternoons, especially during the summer months. Visiting pastors from many states, and Chicago pastors and laymen have called at the Home and generally preached the word of God while visiting. To all the visitors that come and go from week to week, to those who live at the Home, and to the pastor, it means much that we have a Christian matron.

"Personally, and in behalf of the residents of the Home, I desire to thank the matron, all the members of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged, all speakers and singers, and any and every one who in some measure helped to build up, maintain and make life enjoyable at our dear Home for the Aged in Norwood Park.

"May God reward and bless you all."

The doctor of the Home, L. M. Bowes, reported that eleven residents died during the past year. The names, ages, and causes of death are omitted in translation.7 The doctor reported further that the general health at the Home

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has been excellent during the past two months, and he thanked the matron, the residents, and the help who have willingly rendered assistance in caring for those who were so unfortunate as to be helpless invalids for many months.

Matron's Report

"To the Norwegian Old People's Home Society, Chicago, Illinois.

"Dear Friends:

"At the present time we have one hundred and four residents: seventy-three women and thirty-one men. The ages vary from sixty-six years to ninety-five. We have five residents who have been here since the Home was opened in 1896. Names of residents who entered Home in 1917 are omitted in translation.7

"The general health of the residents at the present time is good; there are

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only four who are helpless. During the past year some of my most faithful workers have departed from us, but others have willingly and cheerfully taken their places. Though our Home may have been in want during the last year, we have been well provided for at all times, both with provisions and fuel. I wish to thank the board of directors, the Ladies' Board, the Young Ladies' Aid Society, the branch societies, Reverend Nesvig, and Dr. L. M. Bowes, for their kind and able assistance during the past year.

"To all the residents and the help I extend my heartiest thanks for their helpfulness and co-operation. I wish to extend an invitation to all, especially the workers who have not visited the Home, to come and see the good cause they are working for.

"Sincerely yours,
"Camille Anderson, Matron."

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Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Board

"Another year of success has passed and the Ladies' Board is very grateful for all the assistance rendered during the entire year. In particular, the introduction of the new Board members at the Home in February, was an interesting occasion. Likewise, the midsummer festival proved a sociable affair of much satisfaction. The tag day on May 14 was a grand success for our Home, and the entire Society should feel indebted to Mrs. Walther for her able and untiring efforts in bringing this about. Our annual picnic at which Flote Grod [sour cream porridge, a national Norwegian dish] was served, was a big success, as usual.

"The Alumni met at the Home on November 24. Mrs. Belle Nelson, the president, organized a pound party. A program was rendered and the young ladies sang. The annual bazaar was held during the first week in December and turned out to be a grand success; the public, as usual, was very interested in the affair.

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"I wish to thank the members of the Young Ladies' Aid Society and every member of the Ladies' Board for their persevering labors during the year. I also wish to thank the matron and the old people at the Home who are always so kind and willing to make it pleasant on all occasions, and especially when the ladies pay their visits.

"The Thanksgiving dinner was an enjoyable one and the turkey was good. The Christmas celebration was one of the finest ever held at the Home, and will long be remembered. The minister was there and brought singers along, and Ulrikka Brun spoke interestingly.

"Wishing that God's continuous blessing may rest over and guide the work of our Society, the Home, and its residents through the year just begun, I remain

"Sincerely yours,

"Mrs. B. J. Johnson, President."

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Report of the Young Ladies' Aid Society

"Looking in retrospect upon the year 1917, we observe the members of the Young Ladies' Aid Society performing their duty as faithfully and as conscientiously as they have done in former years. This particular branch of the charitable work the care of the aged has appealed very strongly to our members, and as the retiring president, I wish to express my gratification at the splendid co-operation of the members of our Aid Society whenever asked to assist at the annual picnic and bazaar. Working for a particular object, our members have recently added another donation of \$100 to the Niles T. Quales Memorial Fund, making a total of \$2,100, given to this fund by the Young Ladies' Aid Society.

"I regret exceedingly that, because of my removal from Chicago, I cannot be actively engaged in the work of the Young Ladies' Aid Society during the ensuing year, but I hope that some future time I may once again resume my activities.

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"With the kindest greetings to the members of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged, and with sincerest wishes for an especially successful year, I respectfully submit this report.

"Mattie Aales Ericksen."

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Skandinaven, Dec. 9, 1917.

THE GOOD WILL CIRCLE

The Good Will Circle visited the Bethesda Old People's Home on Sunday, December 2.

This girls' club was organized this year, and its purpose is to work exclusively for Bethesda Old People's Home. On December 2, the girls made their first visit at the home in order to cheer the inmates. They presented a beautiful entertainment of music, singing and readings. Through their cheerful ways and their tact they succeeded in lending a sense of festivity and glamour to the affair. As they departed, they left at the home a neat little sum of money which they had gathered.

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[BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT]

At Saint Paul English Lutheran Church, there will be a chance tonight, to see a considerable number of stereopticon views from the Scandinavian countries. The exhibition will be presented under the auspices of the society for the Norwegian Home for the Aged. Many beautiful views will be shown. Everybody invited.

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Skandinaven, Sept. 14, 1917.

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[NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED HOLD MEETING]

At the monthly meeting of the Humboldt Park Branch of the Norwegian Home for the Aged, an interesting report of the work was given. At present there are one hundred and five old people at the Home, and to keep the institution going requires \$1,500 to \$1,600 per month. A few years ago the Home was comparatively wealthy when the income rose to as much as \$1,000 per month, but the high prices have made higher amounts necessary. Even so, some keen figuring is needed to make ends meet.

Among the many thousand Norwegians in Chicago hardly one thousand are members of the Society for the Home for the Aged, and of these probably not many more than one tenth are doing real active work.

There seems to be a general feeling among our people that the Norwegian Home for the Aged is a rather well-to-do institution, quite capable of taking

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of itself. Such is far from the case. The Home has a certain amount of invested capital; there are three funds, but these funds cannot be used for current expenses until they have reached, with interests added, a certain amount. The so-called endowment fund has been created for the use of those who are to carry on the work for old people when the present workers are no longer at hand. On the other hand, if the Home for some reason or other were to be abolished, the endowment sum must be large enough to repay such old people as might then be guests; the amount required of them at the time of their admission to the Home; that we owe those old people.

The leaders in this movement are very anxious that people should understand the position of the Home for the Aged. The very large number participating in the recent picnic in the interest of the Home - the largest ever - seems to indicate a growing interest in the Home and its work.

Skandinaven, April 1, 1916.

THE NORWEGIAN OLD PEOPLES HOME
(EDITORIAL)

p.4.....Today twenty years ago the society, which built the "Old Peoples Home" in Norwood Park, was founded. It was the late Dr. A. A. A. who together with his faithful wife laid the foundation for this home, which in the years to come was supported by thousands of our countrymen throughout the country.

When we look back at its insignificant start, and now view the "Home," with its buildings and other property, one gets only a faint realization of the faithful and enormous work laid down here in the last twenty years, often under very trying conditions and adversities, for example; when the large main building, which had just been completed and ready for occupancy, burned to the ground January 4, 1910.

A few months ago the "Home's" management issued a small **pamphlet** giving a general view of the blessed work and service rendered by this institution.

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Skandinaven, April 1, 1916.

The society was founded in 1896 with a membership of three-hundred divided among five branches, the present membership is over one-thousand. The property is valued at \$71,000.00 and the debt amounts to \$7,800.00.

At the beginning the home cared for twenty old people. Last years Annual Report states that in January this year the home cared for ninety-six people; expenses of course have risen, from \$250.00 per month to more than \$1,200.00 per month.

When the pamphlet was issued, the oldest inhabitant of the "Home" was ninety-three years old, five were over ninety years. A few have been there since the inception of the "Home" or for about twenty years, but the length of the average stay has been eight years.

Expenses, including Food, Medical Attention, Funerals, Wages of the staff, Maintenance of Buildings, Fire Insurance, etc., amount to 125.00 per year per inhabitant.

This statistics, which has been compared with reports from **similar** institutions, shows

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Skandinaven, April 1, 1916.

that the "Norwegian Old Peoples Home" in Norwood Park, is one of the most economically managed institutions of its kind in the United States.

The "Home" to keep going needs the same liberal support it has received during the past twenty years. In this connection it might be in its place to mention The Nils T. Quaales' Reserve Fund, which now amounts to about \$4,000.00. To increase this fund would be the most laudatory means of honoring the memory of the founder.

The **capital** of the fund can not be touched, only the interest.

Tomorrow afternoon members and friends are invited to participate in a small festival at the "Home," to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

Skandinaven sends the Norwegian Old Peoples Home in Norwood Park, its heartiest congratulations.

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THE BETHESDA HOME

The Bethesda Old People's Home Society held its eighth annual meeting at the Home last Thursday evening. The chairman reported for the building committee. The field secretary reported that he had collected \$3,100 and enrolled sixty-four new members.

Financial Secretary's Report
General Fund

Dues.....	\$1,211.50
Pictures sold.....	7.00
Charity box.....	2.37
Donation from Nordraak Lodge.....	143.00
Collections.....	159.28
Total	<u>\$2,063.15</u> [sic]

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Building Fund

Collection.....	\$2,936.39
Subscription books.....	115.85
Collections, Mission tent.....	117.70
Collection at dedication festival.....	358.80
Ebenezer Congregation.....	23.66
Salem Congregation.....	51.00
Bethel Congregation.....	97.62
Timothy Congregation.....	100.00
Ball in 1913.....	.68
Total	<u>\$3,801.70</u>

Total income for 1914.....\$5,864.85

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Paid to Treasurer

To building fund.....	\$3,301.70
To general fund.....	2,046.90
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Total	\$5,848.60
Cash on hand, December 31, 1914.....	16.25
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Total	\$5,864.85

Treasurer's Report

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To building fund.....	\$3,801.70
To general fund.....	2,046.90
Total	<u>\$5,848.60</u>
Cash on hand, December 31, 1914.....	16.25
Total	<u>\$5,864.85</u>

Treasurer's Report

Building fund.....	\$6,992.48
Deficit, December 31, 1914.....	585.68
General fund.....	\$2,674.07
Cash on hand.....	\$ 728.28
Total disbursements.....	<u>1,945.79</u>
Total	<u>\$2,674.57</u>

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Assets and Liabilities

Real estate.....	\$ 1,904.26
Buildings.....	12,878.49
State Bank of Chicago Trustee building fund.....	8,753.91
Furniture and fixtures.....	579.37
Endowment fund.....	500.00
Cash.....	167.60
Total assets	<u>\$24,783.63</u>
Liabilities.....	5,800.00
Net worth.....	<u>18,983.63</u>
Total liabilities and net worth	<u>\$24,783.63</u>

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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED

The Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged held its regular annual meeting last evening. The vice-president, Anten Hellum, presided until the president, Mr. Oscar H. Hauken, arrived and took the chair. An interesting and complete report was given by the treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand.....	1,609.19
Cash on hand at the Home.....	40.00
Cash on hand in savings account.....	5.23
Entrance fees.....	7,641.98
Transfer from savings account to general fund.....	750.00
Donations to general fund.....	1,722.11
Donations at coffee sale at Home.....	103.00

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Notes paid by Mrs. M. Johnson, resident.....	\$ 1,000.00
Notes, receivable account, entrance fee, resident.....	55.00
New building fund interest.....	110.00
Young Ladies Aid Society.....	13.75
Refund on insurance premium.....	18.75
Refund on court cost, Christopher Wald.....	20.00
Annual reports advertisement.....	145.00
Annual concert, net proceeds.....	165.00
Annual picnic, net proceeds.....	617.67
Annual bazaar, net proceeds.....	2,319.58
Dues, Bethlehem Branch.....	339.00
Dues, Concordia Branch.....	379.77
Dues, Wicker Park Branch.....	416.25
Dues, Humboldt Branch.....	388.00
Dues, Logan Square Branch.....	191.25
Accounts payable, December purchase.....	<u>1,137.84</u>
Total receipts.....	\$ 19,249.29

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Disbursements

Entrance fees refunded.....	1,196.68
Real-estate and building improvements.....	430.00
Transfer to reserve fund.....	1,989.81
Notes, default on death of holders.....	300.00
Accounts payable, December, 1913 bills.....	974.89
Interest on loans and annuities.....	290.67
Printing annual reports.....	137.00
Repairs to building, etc.....	171.19
General expense.....	518.13
Expense, matrons sundries.....	438.51
Electric light and power.....	156.35
Drugs and medicines.....	54.91
Fuel.....	826.48
Funeral expenses.....	206.50

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Payroll and help.....	\$ 3,933.48
Groceries.....	5,889.42
Total disbursements.....	<u>\$ 17,314.02</u>
Cash on hand, in bank.....	\$ 1,831.04
Cash on hand in treasurer's hands.....	59.00
Cash on hand in matrons hands.....	40.00
Cash on hand in savings account.....	5.23
Total cash.....	<u>\$ 1,935.27</u>
Add--Total disbursements.....	<u>17,314.02</u>
Total.....	<u>\$19,249.29</u>

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Comparative Revenue Analysis
Income

	<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>1914</u>
Donations	\$1,957.48	\$1,394.88	\$1,885.11
Proceeds, annual bazaar	1,921.83	2,083.30	2,319.58
Proceeds, annual picnic	473.77	491.69	617.67
Proceeds, annual reports			8.00
Dues:			
Wicker Park Branch	411.00	313.00	388.00
Humboldt Park Branch	320.00	345.50	416.25
Concordia Branch	305.00	271.35	379.77
Bethlehem Branch	272.65	353.00	339.00
Logan Square Branch	127.00	86.25	191.25
Concert		504.81	165.92
Totals	\$10,605.50[sic]	\$12,669.43[sic]	\$12,285.64[sic]

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Expenditures

	<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>1914</u>
Provisions	\$4,851.08	\$5,889.94	\$5,889.42
Wages	3,201.23	3,730.23	3,933.48
Fuel	1,084.46	817.85	826.48
Matron's expenses	428.25	495.68	438.51
Interest	252.06	285.17	290.67
Repairs	241.54	526.76	171.19
Light and power	106.14	141.97	156.35
Hay and feed	80.75		
Drugs	64.75	84.84	54.91
Printing (annual reports)	25.00	85.00	
Miscellaneous	260.63	251.99	524.63
Insurance		360.00	
Totals	\$10,605.50 [sic]	\$12,669.43	\$12,285.64

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	<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>1914</u>
Average monthly expense	\$283.79	\$975.72	\$1,023.80

Report of Women's Aid Committee
Concert

Ticket sales.....	\$ 54.00
Printing expense.....	7.50
Net proceeds.....	\$ 46.50

Picnic

Receipts on grounds.....	\$ 401.90
Expense (music, help, provisions, printing).....	75.45
Net proceeds.....	\$ 326.45

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Special fund

Dues.....	\$11.70
Specials.....	67.75
Total receipts.....	<u>\$79.45</u>

Disbursements (floral pieces, curtains, provisions).....	<u>\$71.32</u>
Balance.....	\$ 8.13

Report of the Young Ladies' Aid Society
Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1914.....	\$ 4.74
Dues collected.....	47.50
Taxes collected.....	10.05
Donations received.....	<u>25.05</u>
Total receipts.....	<u>\$87.35</u>

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Expenditures

Bank deposits.....	\$36.73
Flowers for the sick.....	2.50
Postage.....	3.27
Expense for bazaar.....	32.74
Total	<u>\$75.24</u>

Balance on hand (cf which \$7.50 is undisposed dues, leaving a balance of \$4.61 in the tax fund).....\$12.11

Bank balance, January 1, 1914.....	\$493.44
Deposits during 1914.....	36.73
Interest on account.....	6.36
Interest on bonds.....	68.75
Total	<u>\$605.28</u>

Withdrawals (bond purchase).....	<u>\$509.40</u>
Balance, January 1, 1915.....	\$ 95.88

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[NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED]

The Humboldt Park Branch of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged met last night at 1631 North Whipple Street. A complete report concerning the activities of the Home was given. The Branch resolved to start a collection campaign at once.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 15, 1914.

THE BETHESDA SOCIETY

The Bethesda Society for a Home for the Aged held its seventh annual meeting at the Home, 2244-46 Haddon Avenue. Mr. Paul Elke, the regular chairman, presided. It was reported that the assets of the Society were valued between \$15,000 and \$16,000. A resolution was passed to extend a vote of thanks to Dr. Thomas Warloe and to Skandinaven, Visergutten, The Lutheran, and Budbaereren for assistance rendered.

The treasurer gave the following report for the year ending December 1, 1913:

General Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1913.....	\$ 307.32
Membership fees.....	948.25
Donations.....	513.86

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Dime fund.....	\$ 1.00
Interest received.....	3.02
Collection box.....	5.62
Endowment fund income.....	24.00
Ladies Aid donation.....	487.82
Telephone.....	9.50
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2300.39</u>

Disbursements

Directress' salary.....	\$ 385.00
Domestic help.....	132.00
Provisions.....	249.90
Light.....	66.49
Gas.....	81.66
Fuel.....	178.59
Repair.....	247.49
Stationery, postage, and printing.....	38.53

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Crockery and silverware.....	\$	6.18	
Linen and bedding.....		12.00	
Freight and drayage.....		6.77	
Laundry and cleaning.....		21.27	
Telephone.....		31.78	
Exchange.....		2.30	
Sundries.....		50.27	
Medicine.....		1.00	
Maintenance.....		16.77	
Directress' traveling expenses.....		16.10	
Furniture and fixtures.....		157.93	
Real estate.....		16.10	
Interest.....		94.86	
Investment.....		400.00	
Total disbursements.....	\$	2,212.89	[sic]
Balance, December 31, 1913.....	\$	87.50	

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The following is the report of the financial secretary for the year ending December 31, 1913:

Building Fund

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1913.....	\$ 282.52
Donations.....	3,519.88
Total receipts.....	\$ 3,802.40

Disbursements

Financial agent's salary.....	\$ 567.89
Financial agent's traveling expenses.....	40.56
Bills payable.....	100.00
Interest paid.....	105.67
Concert expenses.....	97.50
Total disbursements.....	\$ 911.62

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Cash balance, December 31, 1913.....\$2,890.78

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
December 31, 1913

Assets

Real estate.....	\$1,815.03
Buildings.....	12,668.54
Furniture and fixtures.....	572.62
Building fund cash.....	2,890.78
General fund cash.....	87.50
Endowment fund.....	500.00
Total assets.....	<u>\$18,534.47</u>

Liabilities

Mortgage loan.....	\$ 3,000.00
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Endowment fund loan.....	\$ 100.00
Total liabilities.....	\$ 3,100.00
Net worth.....	\$15,434.47

Statement of Profit and Loss

Income

Donations to building fund.....	\$3,019.33
Donations to general fund.....	513.86
Membership fees.....	948.25
Dime fund.....	1.00
Interest received.....	3.02
Collection box.....	5.62
Endowment fund income.....	19.19

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Concert income.....	\$ 500.50
Ladies' Aid donation.....	487.82
Total income.....	<u>\$5,498.59</u>
Total expenses.....	<u>2,436.12</u>
Net profit.....	<u>\$3,062.47</u>

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Scandia, May 3, 1913.

CONCERT OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY

The festival concert of the Old People's Home Society, honoring its founder and honorary president, filled Wicker Park Hall to capacity Wednesday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, flowers, and flags, and an excellent program was given that made the evening a real treat.

The Trier sisters (there are five of them--two sets of twins and one other), sang solos and duets, and presented musical numbers for quintets and quartets. They also gave recitations and took the audience by storm. They are a very pleasing and talented group, such as is seldom found in one family.

The aria by Meyerbeer and "Norge Mit Norge" (Norway, my Norway), sung by Mrs. Ella Ring Ingraham, were exceptionally well rendered and applauded accordingly. The Italian band "Banda Roma", did very well, and is to be commended for modulating its music in deference to the eardrums of an indoor audience. Few bands seem to realize that a band concert in a small hall is torture, rather than enjoyment.



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Scandia, May 3, 1913.

The greatest interest was centered about the new tenor, Mr. Woll. Any existing pre-concert anxiety was promptly dispelled when this singer presented his first offering. He possesses a rich, mellow, and well-trained voice whose appeal more than makes up for a lack of volume, and his enunciation and expression give real pleasure to the listener.

Mr. Woll's place in the hearts of music-lovers of Chicago is thoroughly established. In spite of the caption "No Encores," printed on the program, the applause after each song by Mr. Woll made it impossible to continue until an encore had been given. Truly, Mr. Woll "came, saw, and conquered."

The tribute paid Dr. [N. T.] Quales by Mrs. Julia Walther was a true expression of the love and respect of our people for this grand old man, who years ago dedicated his life to the task of bringing peace and sunshine into the lives of others.



Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 15, 1913.

THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED

At the last meeting of the Bethlehem Branch of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged, a report was given concerning the activities of the past year. The president, Jacob Helgesen, presided.

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The report showed that the membership as of January, 1913, was 110. A total of \$282.65 was received from the payment of dues for the past year.

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Scandia, Sept. 14, 1912.

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[HOLD MONTHLY MEETING]

The Concordia branch of the Old People's Home Society held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 5. The faithful John Pedersen presided over the meeting. Various committees reported. The report of the picnic committee was enthusiastically received, as it accounted for the great success of the Joint Annual Picnic at the Home in Norwood Park. Many contributions are already being made for the coming bazaar, an affair for which we have great hopes.

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Scandia, August 17, 1912.

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[A WELCOME GIFT]

Mr. Hauman G. Haugan, Norwegian-American banker of Chicago, demonstrates the fact that bankers have hearts as well as heads. Mr. Haugan recently presented the Norwegian Bethesda Home for the Aged with twenty large, comfortable rockers, in which the oldsters can enjoy fresh air and sunshine on the spacious porches of the home. For such as are unable to walk, he has provided wheel chairs so that they can get out in the open air. The Bethesda Home is one of our largest Norwegian benevolent institutions and one of the best. Here the poorest oldster is admitted without entrance fee, and tenderly cared for during the remaining years of his life. The plight of these people is heart stirring. The contented look on their faces makes one feel that there are kind hearts in this hard old world, after all.

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Scandia, Aug. 10, 1912.

/CONCORDIA BRANCH MEETING/

The Concordia branch of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society held its monthly meeting for August at the home of Mrs. John Pedersen, 2440 North Springfield Avenue. The veteran pastor, Reverend Ring, spoke of the wonderful work being done for the Home by the Concordia branch and other groups, and of the appreciation of the old folks for this work.

Mrs. B. J. Johnson announced that during the last seventeen years she had visited the Home every week and had, at all times, found those living at the Home to be well fed, well cared for, and contented. She urged all members to bring their friends to the annual picnic to be held at the Home (in Norwood Park) on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The evening's musical treat was a series of solo songs by Elmer C. Bye, with



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Scandia, Aug. 10, 1912.

Miss Nora Bjornstad at the piano. To finish off a very pleasant evening refreshments were served.



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Scandia, June 15, 1912.

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[CONCORDIA BRANCH MEETING]

The Concordia branch of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society met on Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Ericson, Evanston. The meeting was exceptionally well-attended in spite of the long distance most of the members had to travel, and all who came enjoyed the meeting very much. Vocal solos by Mrs. M. Ingraham, piano solos by Miss Lilly Andersen, and readings by Mrs. J. I. Barchard combined to make the evening a real treat for all.

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Scandia, April 20, 1912.

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[OLD PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING]

The Concordia branch of the Old People's Home Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton A. Helum of Oak Park.

Mr. Helum, a director of the home, announced that the concert by Mne. Fremstad has been called off, due to a misunderstanding with her manager, and that the time was too short to arrange for a spring festival at this time. Director Crook spoke on the financial needs of the home, and suggested, in view of the fact that all present inmates of the home are and those of the future will for some time be natives of Norway, that the Norwegian Parliament [might very well] award the year's Nobel Prize to the Old People's Home Society.

Dues to the amount of \$29.50 were collected, and the men present donated \$9.00 for decorations at the Bazaar, which is to be held at Schoenfus's Hall, November 18 to 22, inclusive.

After the business session the group partook of a tasty lunch, during and

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after which they were entertained by Edward Bredshall, a very talented young pianist, whose playing was thoroughly enjoyed.

This meeting was, in the matter of attendance, the best in many months.

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LUTHERAN BETHESDA HOME ASSOCIATION

The Norwegian Lutheran Bethesda Home Association held its annual meeting in the Home at 2244-46 Haddon Avenue. Mr. J. Gunderson presided. The president gave his annual report which was accepted by the body. The financial secretary gave his report as follows:

Receipts

Subscriptions and dime helpers.....	\$ 2,534.56
Dues and initiations.....	18.00
Collection at the dedication of building.....	213.89
Rummage sale.....	200.00
Balance on hand, January 1, 1911.....	165.34
Total receipts to treasurer.....	\$ 3,716.79

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Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for
Year Ending December 31, 1911

Building Fund
Receipts

Cash balance, January 1, 1911.....	\$ 866.21
Bills receivable.....	800.00
Bills payable [sic].....	1,425.00
Interest received.....	13.59
Subscriptions to Building Fund.....	2,623.40
Mortgage loan.....	3,000.00
Total receipts.....	\$8,728.20

Disbursements

Furniture and fixtures.....	\$ 267.53
Insurance.....	60.00
Interest.....	90.00

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Legal expenses.....	\$ 10.00
Directress' salary.....	275.00
Janitor's salary.....	83.00
Stationary, postage, and printing.....	61.50
Traveling expenses.....	9.15
Gas.....	29.53
Domestics.....	13.25
Electric.....	19.14
Fuel.....	68.50
Provisions.....	18.20
Laundry and cleaning materials.....	12.21
Freight and drayage.....	3.46
Telephone.....	.44
Repairs.....	8.50
Crockery and silverware.....	13.20
Sundries.....	22.42
Exchange.....	.75

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Cash balance, December 31, 1911.....	\$	27.31	
		<u>\$1,093.39</u>	[sic]

Mr. Hildur Raade (in charge of contributions) gave the following report:

Contributions for the year.....	\$1,907.45
Subscriptions.....	477.00
By ten-cent books.....	<u>21.00</u>
	\$2,405.45

Subscriptions, January 1 to 11, 1912.....	\$1,331.25
New Subscriptions for the year.....	<u>477.00</u>
Total.....	\$1,808.25
Paid in during year.....	<u>589.60</u>
Balance.....	\$1,218.65

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Paid to Financial Secretary

Cash collections.....	\$1,907.45
Ten-cent books.....	21.00
Bills collected.....	<u>589.60</u>
Total.....	\$2,518.05

The association has 114 new members. Reports were also given by the matron, the Women's Society, and the building committee.

Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 21, 1912.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The Old People's Home Society held their sixteenth annual meeting at Wicker Park Lutheran Church last Friday evening.

Anton A. Malum presided. The president's report was given.....Twenty new people were admitted in 1911.....

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Since the opening of the Home, in 1896, 164 permanent inmates have been admitted.

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Following is the treasurer's report:

Receipts	\$19,646.43
Cash on hand January 2, 1911	3,370.78
Total	<u>\$23,017.21</u>

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Disbursements \$23,071.21 (sic)

The total membership of all branches, on January 1, 1912, was 398.

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Skandinaven (Daily Edition), Jan. 16, 1912.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The Bethlehem Branch of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society held their regular monthly meeting last evening. The vice-chairman, Jacob Helgsen, presided.

The recording secretary reported as follows:

Membership, January 1, 1911.	77
Died in 1911	1
Resigned	5
Members joined in 1911	31
Total membership, January, 1912.	102
Dues payments	\$245.75
Expenditures.	9.00
Balance	\$236.75

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Scandia, Oct. 7, 1911.

[NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED]

At the last meeting of the Humboldt Park Branch of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged, nine new members were accepted. Each of the new members paid the annual dues of three dollars in advance. The Society is in the midst of a campaign to secure one thousand new members and an increased income of \$3,000 per year. The competition between the various branches is as keen as ever existed in a hard-fought political campaign.

Here's to success, and may the best branch win.

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Scandia, Sept 23, 1911.

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[NEW HOME FOR THE AGED]

p.5. The "Bethesda" Norwegian Lutheran Home for the Aged at 2244 Haddon Avenue is to be dedicated tomorrow at 2:30 P.M. The home is a fine three story building with full basement and all modern conveniences, and will accomodate nineteen aged people, giving each one a private room, with kitchen and large clothes closet. The large room in the basement will serve as dining room and chapel and here also is a large well equipped kitchen.

The cost of the building is \$12,000.00 and it carries a debt of \$4,000.00 that the "Home" Society is planning to liquidate at an early date.

Mrs. Marie Rigstad assumed the duties of matron several days ago, and has been busy with plans for the dedication services and with caring for several aged people who have already moved in.

The "Home" Society was organized about five years ago; Miss Hildur Baade is credited with having not only "sold" the idea of building such a home, but with having been the moving spirit of the enterprise. It is largely due to her personal efforts that the "home" is ready for tomorrow's dedicatory service.

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Chicago's Norwegian colony is proud of the new home, and we are confident that the necessary funds for carrying out the purpose of the home will be cheerfully furnished.

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Scandia, Aug. 12, 1911.

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[HOME FOR THE AGED APPEALS TO ALL NORWEGIANS]

P. 3. - The Norwegian Old People's Home Society is preparing for their annual picnic to be held on the spacious grounds of the Home on August 26.

Mr. Birger Osland appeals to all Norwegians in Chicago to get behind this institution and give it the support it so rightly deserves. The home now houses a hundred worthy old people whose final years are made easy and pleasant with no pecuniary worries and no toil, just well earned rest and quiet, so dear to advanced years.

All Norwegians are asked to contribute to the work of this home for the aged of all creeds, which instead of being dominated by some church synod is sponsored by business men from all Norwegian churches and by some belonging to no church. Any aged Norwegian may be admitted as far as finances permit.

The home is often visited by various groups who bring great pleasure into the lives of former members who now live at the home: veterans of lodges, churches, singing societies, etc., and who long for and appreciate frequent visits

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by their old friends. Possibly you who read this article may find among these people one or more who in times past has been dear to you and we suggest that you plan a visit to the Home on July 26.

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Scandia, April 22, 1911.

NORWEGIAN

[BENEFIT CONCERT]

p.8.....The Norwegian Old People's Home Society is making preparations for their annual spring concert to be held on Wednesday April 26, at Orchestra Hall. The committee has been fortunate in their selection of talent for this event and the evening's program should be a thoroughly pleasing one in every respect. Simultaneously with planning for financial success and a good profit, stress has been put on giving the customers their money's worth.

A program of vocal and instrumental numbers has been arranged to suit the taste of every listner. Anton Peterson's thirty piece Orchestra will fill the hall with the best of music and the "Chicago Quartette" will contribute the vocal section. Vocal and Piano solos will also be rendered and a group of fifty well-trained children will present a pageant of the seasons.

Every Norseman in the Chicago area should make a determined attempt to attend this concert both for personal pleasure and to support the work of this efficient institution.

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THE BETHESDA HOME [FOR THE AGED]

The Norwegian Bethesda Home Society held its annual meeting at the Deaconess Home. Plans were made for future activity, especially the extension of the Society's work. The Society held twelve regular and three special meetings during the year, and sixty-four new members were accepted.

Financial Secretary's Report

Subscriptions Receipts	\$2,792.12
Dues	365.25
Subscription books	19.00
Sewing group	100.00
Post cards sold	2.00
Donations	161.00
	<u>\$3,439.37</u>

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Paid to treasurer	\$3,286.03
Cash on hand, 1911	<u>153.34</u>
	\$3,439.37

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Received from financial secretary.....	\$3,286.03
Cash on hand, 1910	<u>2,939.28</u>
	\$6,225.31

Disbursements

Building material	\$4,953.93
Insurance	72.00
Wages	437.50

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Traveling expenses	\$17.65
Stationery and mailing	30.27
Advertising	1.87
Miscellaneous expenses	46.19
	<u>\$5,569.41</u>
Cash on hand, 1911	655.90
	<u>\$6,225.31</u>

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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED

The Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged held its fifteenth annual meeting last Friday in the Wicker Park Evangelical Lutheran Church. Anton A. Melum was elected chairman of this meeting. The first order of business was the yearly report by the president, Dr. N. T. Quaales. Thirty-four men and women were admitted to the home in 1910.

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Mrs. Henry Olsen, president of the Women's Aid Board, reported on the Board's activities for the year. The treasurer for the Women's Aid Board reported as follows:

Special fund:

Income.....	\$130.14.
Expenses.....	71.13.
Balance.....	<u>\$ 59.01.</u>

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Spring concert:

Income.....	\$696.75
Expenses.....	12.50
Balance.....	<u>\$684.25</u>

Picnic:

Income.....	\$577.81
Expenses.....	100.35
Balance.....	<u>\$477.46</u>

Bazaar:

Income.....	\$103.80
Expenses.....	39.65
Balance.....	<u>\$ 64.15</u>

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Total income.....	\$1,508.50
Total expenses.....	223.63
Net income.....	<u>\$1,284.87</u>

The Young Ladies' Aid Society reported as follows:

Income.....	\$280.64
Expenses.....	145.15
Balance in treasury.....	<u>\$135.49</u>

Reports of the Branches

Bethlehem Branch:

Net income.....	\$158.50
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Total membership, January 1, 1910.....	52
New members initiated in 1910.....	25
Total membership, January 1, 1911.....	<u>77</u>

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Humboldt Park Branch:

Total membership, January 1, 1910.....	111
Members initiated during 1910.....	<u>18</u>
	129
 Members dropped during 1910.....	<u>15</u>
Total membership, January 1, 1911.....	114
 Dues received in 1910.....	\$279.25
Expenses for 1910.....	<u>18.99</u>
Net income.....	\$260.26

Trinity Branch:

Total membership, January 1, 1911.....61

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Dues received in 1910.....	\$171.75
Expenses for 1910.....	6.00
Net income.....	<u>\$165.75</u>

Wicker Park Branch:

Dues received in 1910.....	\$287.25
Expenses for 1910.....	12.00
Net income.....	<u>\$275.25</u>

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1910.....	\$3,870.08
Dues received.....	13,125.61
Miscellaneous donations.....	1,195.12
Bethlehem Branch.....	158.50

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Wicker Park Branch.....	\$ 275.25
Trinity Branch.....	174.00
Concordia Branch.....	252.00
Humboldt Park Branch.....	260.26
Proceeds from picnic.....	424.09
Proceeds from bazaar.....	1,438.83
Proceeds from concert.....	842.85
Proceeds from post cards.....	5.00
Advertising in annual report.....	40.00
Building fund.....	369.00
Miscellaneous income.....	150.00
	<u>\$22,629.49</u> [sic]

Disbursements

Building fund.....	\$4,005.05
Bills payable.....	5,187.50
Provisions.....	2,041.27

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Matron's sundry expenses.....	290.16
Wages.....	1,951.93
Fuel.....	429.64
Drugs.....	124.44
Annuities and interest paid.....	147.50
Insurance.....	1,256.00
Refund of membership fees.....	975.00
Household furniture.....	1,413.20
Repairs to building.....	121.61
Miscellaneous expenses.....	409.14
Hay and feed.....	421.48
Printing of annual reports.....	114.00
Addition to building.....	370.19
Cash on hand.....	3,370.78
	<u>\$22,629.49</u> [sic]

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Building Fund

Summary, January 21, 1909 to January 1, 1911

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 21, 1909.....	\$ 361.69
Insurance received.....	28,000.00
Received from general fund.....	3,020.75
Miscellaneous donations.....	5,049.12
	<u>\$36,431.56</u>

Disbursements

Architects certificates.....	\$36,207.07
Interest.....	224.49
	<u>\$36,431.56</u>

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The auditing committee found the above statement to be correct.

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NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED

The Bethlehem Branch of the Norwegian Society for a Home for the Aged submitted the following report at its monthly meeting:

Dues collected	\$164.50
Expenses	<u>6.00</u>
Balance	\$158.50
Membership, January 1, 1910	60
Resignations and deaths, 1910	<u>8</u>
	52
New members, 1910	<u>25</u>
Membership, January 1, 1911	77

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THE NORWEGIAN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

The following is a report from the annual meeting of the Norwegian Old People's Home Society:

The meeting was opened by the president, Dr. N. T. Quaales, who gave a report on the work of the Society for the year 1909. A new committee was formed to collect funds for the rebuilding of the Home recently destroyed by fire. The most interesting part of the president's report follows:

Twelve new inmates have arrived at the Home and some of them are very interesting old settlers. They have all contributed something to the community, either by their activity in the church or by their participation in the societies to which they have belonged. Some of them have been in Chicago since 1827, and one was born here when Chicago was a mere hamlet. The twelve new members are as follows: Mr. Ole Foss, born in 1838 in Lervig, Norway; Miss Martine Hulton, born in 1844 in Drammen; Mr. Peter Kjos, born in 1822 in Ringsaker; Mrs. Helle

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Hanson, born in 1827 in Trondhjem; Mrs. Anna Rolfson, born in 1833 in Christiania; Miss. Emma Matson, born in 1840 in Voss; Mr. Lewis Larson, born in 1846 in Guldbrandsdalen; Mr. Olaves Johansen, born in 1833 in Frederikshald; Mrs. Anna Johansen, born in 1828 in Voss; Mrs. Hansine Bugges, born in 1837 in Trondhjem; and Mr. Martin Johnson, born in 1844 in Trondhjem.

The average cost for each inmate for the last five years was \$750. A number of inmates have lived in the Home for twelve years and have enjoyed free board and lodging for that period.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1909.	\$2,873.87
Membership fees.	\$7,976.68
Repayment of loan.	100.00
Estate of H. A. Haugan.	1,000.00

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Miscellaneous donations.	361.02
Dues from Bethlehem Branch.	153.00
Dues from Wicker Park Branch.	269.25
Dues from Trinity Branch.	107.00
Dues from Concordia Branch.	238.25
Dues from Humboldt Park Branch.	218.79
Picnic proceeds.	311.39
Bazaar proceeds.	1,138.94
Concert proceeds.	83.27
Sale of post cards.	39.85
Sale of coffee and lunch.	86.80
Loan from Anna Rolfsen.	150.00
Advertisements in annual reports.	85.00
Total.	<u>\$15,193.11</u>

Disbursements

Building fund.	\$ 4,500.00
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Provisions.	\$1,973.01
Wages.	1,898.35
Matron's sundry expenses.	210.82
Coal.	453.05
Drugs.	97.80
Annuities paid.	155.00
Insurance.	\$ 260.00
Refund of membership fees.	150.00
Household furniture.	249.96
Live stock.	45.00
Repairs to buildings.	52.65
Miscellaneous expense.	\$ 618.81
Hay and feed.	342.56
Storm windows.	65.00
Cash on hand.	3,870.98
	<u>\$15,143.11</u> [sic]

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Women's Aid Society for 1909

Concert in Wicker Park Church

Ticket receipts.	\$ 195.50
Expenses.	43.73
Paid to treasurer.	<u>151.77</u>

Annual Picnic

Ticket income.	\$ 367.00
Proceæds from Picnic.	221.28
Total.	\$ 588.28
Expense.	110.17
Paid to treasurer.	<u>\$ 473.31</u>

The Bazaar

Tickets.	\$ 47.00
Sales.	23.23
Cash Donations.	9.50
Total income.	<u>\$ 79.73</u>

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Expense.	\$	38.84
Paid to treasurer.	\$	40.89
Dues collected.	\$	77.89
Expense.	\$	62.06
Balance on hand.	\$	15.83

Young Ladies' Aid Society Report for 1909

Dues collected.	\$	54.85
Interest on chattel mortgage.	\$	55.00
Interest on bank account.		1.34
Balance, January, 1909.		3.21
Total.	\$	114.40
Contribution to building fund.		100.00
Balance.	\$	14.40

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Bethlehem Branch

Membership (January 1, 1909), 60; new members, 7; total.67	
Dues collected.	\$	159.00
Post cards purchased.		6.00
Balance.	\$	<u>153.00</u>

Concordia Branch

Membership, 112.

Dues collected.	\$	244.25
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There were no expenses.

Humboldt Park Branch

Membership (January 1, 1909), 101; new members, 20; total, 121.		
Dues collected.	\$	229.00
Post cards purchased.		10.21
Balance.	\$	<u>218.79</u>

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Wicker Park Branch

Membership (January 1, 1909), 116; new members, 16; total, 132.

Dues collected in 1909.\$	281.25
Expenses for post cards.		12.00
Balance.	\$	<u>269.25</u>

Trinity Branch

Membership, 60.

Dues collected.\$	105.25
Paid out for post cards.		6.00
Balance.	\$	<u>99.25</u>

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THE NORWEGIAN HOME FOR THE AGED

About \$10,000 has been collected since the fire destroyed the old building. If this good work keeps up we will soon have our new building under way. The loss caused by the fire will be made up by these speedy contributions. The amount needed now is not so great as before, because a fairly large sum of money will be left from the insurance.